'lordan-Israel talks no threat to PLO'

AMMAN (AFP) — Israeli-Jordanian talks on trade and banking in the occupied terrinories will not change relations between Amman and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), a Jordanian spokesman said Wednesday. Marwan Muasher, spokesman for the Jordanian delegation to the talks, said they "will not affect coordination" between Jordan and the PLO. He told a press conference that "a tripartite meeting amongst the three sides is eventually inevitable." He said the two sides would discuss the issue of Jordanian banks in the West Bank and Gaza as well as trade between Amman and the autonomous areas at talks in a bankl on the Israeli side of the Dead Sea. "Jordan is keen on hotel on the Israeli side of the Dead Sea. "Jordan is keen on promoting trade with the West Bank through expanding the list of goods eligible to go into the territories' market," added Dr.



#### King receives injured soldier

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein on Tuesday received at Amman Civil Airport Lieutenant Met'el@Dabbobi of the Special Forces serving with international peacekeeping forces in Croatia. Lt. Met'eb was accompanied by Prince Abdullah, commander of the Special Forces. Lt. Dabobi was injured by a landmine when he was caught in a mine field in the former Yugoslav republic. He was hospitalised in Zagreb. He was contacted over the phone on June 15 by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan only one day after he was admitted to the American hospital in the Croatian capital. He was also called by American hospital in the Croatian capital. He was also called by Prince Abdullah at hospital. Lt. Dabobi was a commander of a Special Forces unit in Croatia.

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# Jordan marks 42nd anniversary of King's accession to The Throne

# King entrusts Crown Prince with forming Royal Commission to serve Jordan's new era untiring efforts to serve them

Multi-objective group should seek creation of economic and investment atmosphere, HM says Work should cover 'private and public sectors, based on clear foundations that guarantee rights of the deserving'

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein said Wednesday that Jordan was entering a new phase of its modern history, and the transition call d for a Royal Commiss ?... to be headed by His Roya Highness Crown Prince Hassan, to prepare the Kingdom for a future based on social jestice, democracy, efficiency al achievement. In a lette a idressed to the Crown Privice, entrusting him. with forming and heading the commission, ... King said members of to new group should to are with a history of persons ategrity and work tov ards for ther enhancing the nation's standing based on a clear foundation

of justice, interloss, integrity and human dignity. In the letter, King Hussein asked Prince Hassan to ensare that those "who serve with honesty and integrity and those who work tireless-

be in the panel. "There should be absolutely no room for leniency with those individuals or entities who abuse public funds and there should certainly be no



room for the misuse of public office for personal gain," he

King Hussein reflected on Jordan's coming era, pointing out what should be done to pave the way for Jordan to enter the modern age, "according to sound and sciFollowing is the text of the King's message to Prince

In the Name of God, the dearest, most beloved and Merciful, the Co Prayers and Peace on the Faithful Arah Hashemite

shortfall that cannot be accepted," Prince Hassan

Hassan said.

Your Royal Highness, my

brother and Crown Prince, El Hassan, It is indeed a pleasure to

write to you as you join your dear Jordanian brethren in tirelessly paving the way for

our beloved Jordan to enter a new phase, in order to consolidate the noble goals and solid constitutional foundations established by our late Grandfather, founder of modern Jordan, King Abdul-lah Bin Al Hussein. Those foundations were intended to create .strong constitutional pillars to support a Jordan built on the principles of justice, freedom, integrity and human dignity. In this regard I would like to reiterate my utmost confidence in you, and my admiration for your relentless efforts in seeking glory and prosperity for our beloved country. Your active participation with Jordanians from all walks of life in facing the challenge of constructing the right social, political, intellectual and economic fabric of our lives, based on knowledge and awareness, has brought the prospects of progress closer to our reach. This will certainly give us

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every right to become players

on the wider human stage as

# Jordanians remember King's

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan Thursday celebrates the 42nd anniversary of His Majesty King Hussein's accession to

the Hashemite Throne. On Aug. 11, 1952, the then 17-year-old prince became the King of Jordan, pursuing the march of the Great Arah Revolt which his late great grandfather Sharif Hussein Ben Ali had launched against foreign domination.

In celebrating the anniversary Jordanians recall the King's untiring efforts in developing Jordan into a model democratic state and his sincere and dedicated efforts to achieve Arab solidarity, defend Arah causes and liberate the Arah will and resolution from foreign begemony.

The King's work to move Jordan back into the foreground of regional and international momentum towards the 21st century has been recognised.

The fruits of that labour will be reaped as the people of the region feel the benefits of a secure environment with hope for economic advance-

"The King has managed to return Jordan to the political map," Parliament Speaker Taher Masri told Reuters news agency on the eve of the

"But for this momentum to continue, many requirements have to be met," said Mr. Masri. "The fruits of peace have to make themselves felt quickly on Jordanian society in all aspects."

Nearly 70% of the members of the Lower House support the Washington Declaration signed by King Hus-sein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on July 25.

Signs are that the coming peace will bring more investment, tourism and trade, developments that are a prerequisite to a stable, prospering



His Majesty King Hussein on Wednesday meets with leaders of Christian communities in Jordan (Petra photo)

# **Crown Prince expects** agreements on key issues with Israel in early 1995

By Ayman Al Safadi Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan said Wednesday that major agreements on the common agenda for the peace talks between Jordan and Israel could be reached in 1995. Describing 1994 as a threshold for peace in the region, Prince Hassan said: "I believe that major agree-

ments in terms of the agenda

can be in evidence... by early 1995."

The agreements will include shared maps and sur-veys that would detail the borders between the two countries and "Jordanian and Israeli sovereignty on land," Prince Hassan said during a meeting with representatives of the U.S.-based United Jewish Appeal (UJA) and the Jewish community in

The Crown Prince told over 100 leading Jewish businessmen that the Jordanian-Israeli achievements since the signing of the Washington Declaration on July 25 had exceeded "expectations in terms of breaking down the psychological barriers" between the Jordanians and the Israelis.

Citing the opening cere-monies of the Acaba-Eilat crossing point on Monday, Prince Hassan said "outpouring of goodwill... was evident" in the human encounter between Jordanian and Israeli war veterans and the families of soldiers killed in

the Arab-Israeli wars. Prince Hassan stressed that peacemaking is not for the stite but for people who should feel its benefits in standards. He said peace should help eliminate the disparity in the living conditions

of the people of the area.

Calling for a major vision for the development of the Jordan Rift Valley from Lake Tiberias in the north to the Red Sea in the south, Prince Hassan proposed that an economic summit for regional development which will be held in Morocco in September consider "a phased out implementation" of a multibillion development plan being worked out by Jorda-

nian and Israeli negotiators.

The economy of the region

"can be rehabilitated on the basis of pluralism and interdependence," Prince Hassan told the Jewish visitors, who arrived bere Tuesday. He said efforts should he directed towards evolving an economic model which is

'acceptable and liveable." Pointing to the lack of cooperation among the countries of the Middle East, Prince Hassan called for a joint lobby committee to make the world understand that "this region is a region only in name. It is feature-

"This is a region which has been a wilderness in terms of institution-building," Prince Hassan said.

Responding to a question on the Syrian-Israeli track of the negotiation, Prince Hassan said he hoped progress would be attained on the Syrian and Lebanese tracks of the peace talks in order to support the building of a comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

"The idea of a comprehensive peace process that leaves

## Omani leader hails Washington Declaration

Middle East."

"My hope is that 1994 can be the threshold year (in the peace process) and I do not limit that... to the Jordanians and the Palestinians," Prince The Crown Prince said Jordan would continue to extend support to the Palestinian people, saying that helping the Palestinians had been a constant of the Jordanian

Prince Hassan explained that Jordan's responsibilities for the Arab areas occupied by Israel in 1967 was to yield sovereignty over them to an

Arab entity.

Responding to a question on where Jordan stood on the creation of a Palestinian state, Prince Hassan said: "There is a clear progression from national haven to homeland and that progress may lead at a given moment to statehood" for Palestinians. He said "there is no shred of paper that says the U.S. is against a Palestinian state" as

the question claimed. "There is no ceiling placed on progression of Palestinian rights. Let's see what evolves within a civilised and political manner in the next two years," Prince Hassan said.

Prince Hassan said it will be very difficult to envisage peace without resolving the religious issue in Jerusalem in light of the importance of the Holy City to Muslims, Christians and Jews.

He said followers of the three religions have a religious responsibility in the

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AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein on Wednesday received a mes-sage from Sultan Qaboos of Oman expressing his congratulations and those of the people and government of Oman on the Washington Declaration.

The Sultan voiced his support for "steps taken in the light of this declaration towards the achievement of a just and durable peace in the

"Your achievements of en-Joying custody and care for the holy places in Jerusalem stands out as a clear proof of your keenness on clinging hard to Arab rights," said Sultan Qaboos in his mes-

sage.

The Omani foreign ministry also issued a similar statement, welcoming the peace accord signed by Israel and Jordan as a positive step for-ward, the first public declaration of support for the agree-ment by a Gulf Arab state.

"The minister of state for foreign affairs, Yousef Ben Alawi Bin Abdullah, confirmed that Oman supported the agreement because it is a step forward to a comprehensive solution to the Middle East issue," the official





Oman News Agency said. It said the minister at the same time urged Israel to work for a breakthrough for peace with Syria and Lebanon. "Without it, peace in the Middle East will be set back and the region will be in a state of instability," the agency said.

It did not quote him directly but said he expressed satisfaction with the recent talks between Syria and the United States and urged Arab countries to show solidarity.

# Safeguarding holy shrines is honour for Jordan — King

sent time.

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein said Wednesday the task of safeguarding the holy shrines in Jerusalem was a source of honour for the Hashemites and for the Kingdom of Jor-

dan.
"We do not compete with anyone for Jerusalem and we do not seek to impose our will or rule over anyone, but we act ont of pure inspiration to perform our duty," the King said in an address at a meeting with representatives of Christian communities in

the Kingdom. "We will remain a united family on a common march and we will fulfill our duty nnder all eireumstanees acting as brothers and sisters to serve faith and the nation," King Hussein said at the meeting, which was attended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

Following are major ex-cerpts of the King's address: "Dear hrothers, I welcome you in this home, the home of all Jordanians of various ori-gins and members of the big Jordanian family.

"I deeply appreciate your efforts as representatives of your communities and for your review of Jordan's history heginning with the Omari pact and until the pre-

"I would like to reaffirm that all of us will remain a united family and our march will progress as we all fulfill our duty under all circumstances. We hope that this march will set a good example for all others in our region as we are determined to remain and live like brothers and sisters within the united

big family of Jordan.

I pledge to continue to provide protection and care for the holy shrines as this is an honour for us the Hashemites and for this country and its people who have offered so many sacrifices throughout

"We will compete with no one over Jerusalem and we will not impose ourselves on anyone, but we will continue to work, inspired by our

clean conscience with the will of God in order to serve national interests of all people including all the faithful descendants of Ahraham.

"We want to see the boly places serving as a symbol in meaning and content and a meeting together in fearing and worshipping God. "We have worked and will

continue to strive to regain

Arab rights in Jerusalem for its people and its owners. "I am honoured as much as are all the Hashemites, to be one of you, working for you and with you to safeguard the

trust and perform our duty as best as we can and for all "I implore God to belp us

to arrive at our objectives, which harbour good for all and aim at ensuring the rights of all people.
"This is a sacred unity which will remain safe from

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sabri Farah & Family



On the Occasion of His Majesty King Hussein's accession to the Throne



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## Christopher sees progress in Mideast peace process think that captures the mood

REFLECTING upon his visit to the Middle East this week, Secretary of State Warren Christopher briefed the press on board his flight from Israel so Shannon on Aug. 9. Mr. Christopher cited progress loward three U.S. objectives, including:

 Discussions with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat and Egyptian President Hosni Mnharak in Egypt on ways to improve the delivery of financial assistance to the Palestinians;

- Meetings with King Mussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on efforts to move forward the implementation of the Washington Declaration signed by the two leaders a fortnight ago: and

 Discussions with Syriau President Hafez Al Assad on accelerating the Syrian nego-tiating track.

The following is a transcript of the secretary's onthe record briefing. Mr. Christopher: First, I

wanted to work with the Egyptians and see if we cao d ways and means to improve the delivery of the unds to the Palestinians and

tion and reconstruction of Gaza and Jericho. One of the outcomes of the meeting, of course, was that Arafat was there in Egypt. I had an opportunity to talk with him directly in the presence of Mubarak and it was quite a useful three-way meeting. One of the products of that will be signature today by Palestinians of the OPIC agreement with the United States, the Overseas Private Iovestment Corporation agreement, which will enconrage several of our companies and firms that have been awaiting that signature before launching their own

A second outcome is that Arafat committed himself to me to meet with the World Bank people to try to work through problems with the World Bank; to make his way through procedures and red tape of the World Bank. They're meeting today to try to streamline and improve the procedures.

projects in Gaza and possibly

Finally, coming out of the trip and our extensive conversations both in Alexandria as well as conversations that

have taken place on the telephone, we have some new ideas for streamlining the process to enable the funds to be delivered on a more timely basis to the Palestinians. The backgrounder will give you more details on the subject. Let me say that we continue to feel a responsibility to ensure that Arafat and the Palestiniaos have a full opportunity to achieve prog-ress in building and rebuild-ing in the Gaza and Jericho areas. As I told the Chairman, his success is very intportant to the United States and the other nations who have been involved in all of this process. Despite the frustrations, we want to help in every way that we can and that's been our attitude. I

toward the matter. The second objective I had for the trip was to try to move forward the implementation of the Washington Declaration. Clearly in those terms it was a remarkable day yesterday. The interaction between the Jordanians and Israelis that I am sure all of you

witnessed is an extraordinary

must say I believe that's the

same attitude the Israelis and

other parties involved have

port that was really palpable. You could see it in the stands as we waited for and had border. You saw Jordanian and Israeli military men, who probably had never met each other, talking in a very animated way, discussing how they might work together in the future.

I think I have never seen King Hussein or the Prime Minister in a better or more er in a better or more relaxed mood than they were in the two days that I was out there. They both had sort of a sense of relief that they had done the right thing; the sense that they had made a historically important move. It's given them a new sense of confidence and reassurance to move ahead. I was really struck with a comment that King Hussein made at the beginning, I think, of the press conference when he said "I am more at ease with myself than at anytime since I

became King. In my prepared remarks esterday, I spoke of a longing on the part of both the Jordanians and the Israelis for peace and for rapprochement between them and I

that I found in both of them. They see great prospects ahead. Certainly they will both move conservatively and cautiously, but nevertheless, there is a tremendous new opening which was re-flected in what they said andeven more so in the body language yesterday that you could visualise on the stage and that I saw up close as we took that usual trip on the King's yacht followed by and welcomed by the Israeli boats on the Ellat side and the Jordanian on the Aqaba side. .

One of the other things that came out the meetings was the schedule for the trilateral meetings. As I said vesterday, the focus was primarily on the bilateral aspect of it, but there was considerable discussion of how the trilateral meetings would fit into the overall picture; the importance of the trilateral meetings from the standpoint of regional development. Finally, the third objective

of the trip was to deepen the discussion on the Syrian track. I felt that my last trip had removed some of the major psychological barriers. There was less testing between the parties and downto-earth discussions. I find that in this conversation was a very conscientious searching on the part of both of

them as to the needs of the other party. They were not ntterly self-absorbed, but they were rather thinking about what the needs of the other party were and what might to done to achieve

As I've said before, the various aspects are very much intertwioed, ioterrelated. You could see that borne out in Prime Minister Rabin's comment yesterday when he said Syria wants peace, and the issue now is timing and the price.

That indicated he saw how interrelated each of these matters are. So it will be difficult for us to portray progress on any one of many ssues. It may not in the long run be significant unless there is progress on other issues. I know this is a time of some frustration for reporters. I don't feel I can report incremental progress on speci-fic issues. But I can say in an overall sense that I feel the ful to both of the parties. There is a good deal for them to think about and chew on as we leave the region. As I said, the reason why we are not going back to Damascus is that I felt the one long meeting that I had with Assad accomplished what could be accomplished at the present time. There was no need for a second meeting. I thought it might take two meetings to accomplish what we were able to achieve in

# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

## Saudis seek to curb pork-laced meat

DUBBAI (AFP) - Saudi Arabia has moved to preve canned meat containing pork entering the country after it was discovered in neighbouring United Arab Emirates (UAE). Saudi Arabia has sent a delegation from its commerce ministry to the UAE to discuss upgrading examination of foodstuffs before they are allowed into the country. "The visit follows discovery of canned beef containing pork. The delegation is discussing stronger control of food imports in the UAE as a large part of its reexports go to Saudi Arabia," a UAE official said. According to the official UAE news agency .WAM, the Saudi delegation met with food control officials in Dubii Tuesday. It said the two sides agreed on boosting coopers. tion and exchanging information on the quality of imported food to upgrade examination techniques. They also called for accelerated plans to link laboratories in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), especially in the field of food control, it added. The UAE this year banned several kinds of canned meat imported from the Netherlands, the Philippines and other countries after tests showed they contained pork, which is prohibited by Islam.

#### Two Pakistanis held in Kuwait for drug smuggling

KUWAIT CITY (AFP) - Two Pakistanis were arrested at Kuwait airport carrying two kilogrammes of heroin with a street value of \$800,000, the official Kuwaiti news agency KUNA said. The two passengers, who had flown back from Pakistan to Kuwait where they lived, had hidden the drugs in their clothes, airport customs chief Walid Al Sabej said. It was one of the biggest drugs hauls in Kuwait for several months. KUNA did not say when the aircests took place. The Kuwaiti parliament is soon to discuss whether to introduce the death penalty for drug traffickers. Capital punishment for drug smuggling already exists in two other Gulf states - Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Dozens of traffickers have been executed in Saudi Arabia since the penalty was introduced in 1987, but no executions have been reported in the UAE.

#### Swiss drop case against Turkish envoy

BERNE (R) — Switzerland has dropped criminal proceedings against the former Turkish ambassador and embassy staff in connection with the shooting death of a Kurdish demonstrator, a magistrate said on Tuesday. Magistrate Peter Kunz told Reuters the precondition for a trial or further legal proceedings did not exist as the Turkish government had declined to cooperate and lift the diplomatic immunity of the six people under investigation. "The preconditions for a trial just don't exist," Mr. Kunz said in a telephone interview. The Swiss justice ministry regretted the outcome. "It is clearly with deep regret that we realise there is very little prospect of success for further proceedings," said a spokeswoman for the justice ministry. Magistrates had investigated former Turkish Ambassado Toperi Kaya and five other embasy staff on charges of murder, unintentional killing and endangerment of life. On June 24, 1993, a 29-year-old Kurdish demonstrator, Semsettin Kurt, was shot dead and nine others were injured in connection with a demonstration outside the Turkish embassy in the Swiss capital.

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#### Bardot cails for veterinary clinic in Beirut

BEIRUT (AFP) — Brigitte Bardot, former French film star turned animal campaigner, urged Lebanese President Elias Hrawi in an open letter Tuesday to open an animal clinic in Beirut. "I am of course aware of the dramatic events which have painfully scarred Lebanon in recent years, and see my request only as hope for a better humanity," Ms. Bardot wrote. She said a dispensary would help animal protection campaigns in Beirut and allow those who could not afford vets fees to seek cheaper treatment. for their pets. "I am asking for a little hope and generosity from you to use your influence so your country can defend and protect animals," Ms. Bardot told Mr. Hrawi.

#### Beirut again calls for death sentence on Geagea

BEIRUT (AFP) — The Lebanese government on Tuesday called for the death sentence to be imposed on former Christian party chief Samir Geagea on a third charge, judicial officials said. The latest appeal for a capital sentence relates to charges that Dr. Geagea was involved in the 1989 murder of a Christian leader, Elias Zayeck. Dr. Geagea, who headed the recently disbanded Lebanese Forces (LF), stands accused in two other violent incidents for which the state has sought the death sentence: An explosion in a church north of here in Fehruary that killed 11 people, and the assassination in October 1990 of another Christian leader, Dany Chamoun, and members of his family. Dr. Geagea denied iovolvement in the killing of Zayeck during his arraignment July 13, dismissing the charge as "fabricated." His trial is set to begin late next month. Dr. Geagea has been held since April 21 at the Defence Ministry near here. His lawyer has asked that he be transferred to a prison under the jurisdiction of judicial authorities and has boycotted preliminary hearings as a sign of protest. The Lebanese Forces militia, which became a political party in 1991 when paramilitary formations were dismantled, was dissolved last March after being accused of inciting confessional strife.

#### Turkish footbalier heid in Macedonia

ANKARA (R) — Macedonian police have seized Turkey's ex-soccer star Tanju Colak, sentenced to jail at home for car smuggling, and are holding him in detention, the Turkish Foreign Ministry said on Wednesday. A ministry official said Turkey had demanded his extradition from Macedonian capital Skopje, where he fled to avoid a jail sentence at home. "The formalities have been completed," he said. "We are waiting for him to be returned."

## Iran's new tank appears modelled on U.S. armour

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) --- A new tank Iran says it has built appears to modelled on U.S. armour sold to Tehran before the 1979 revolution rather than on Russia's T-72 as originally thought, Western experts say.

Jane's Defeoce Weekly published what it said were the first photographs on the Franian Zulfigar — named after the sword of a legendary Shiite Muslim warrior — in its latest edition which reaches newstands Wednes-

An advance copy of the acticle was made available to the AP.

These show a tank with what appears to be an aircooled engine and carried a fied 105-mm main gun, unlike most former Soviet

U.S. M48 and M60 tanks sold to Iran by Washington before the 1979 Islamic revolution have air-cooled V-12 deisel power plants and pack

Iran took delivery of more than 800 U.S. tanks under the late Shah, deposed in 1979. But many were lost during the 1980-88 war with Iraq and chronic spares shortages have left many more non-operational.

The Zuifigar, unveiled in Tehran April 14, also does not have the distinctive low, rounded turret of the T-72, which packs a 125-mm smooth-bore gun and is po-wered by a liquid-cooled engine, an earlier-model Soviet

"The main armament appears to be a 105-mm L7/ M68 rifled gun, fitted to U.S.-hoilt M48A5 and M60A1 tanks in service with Iran for many years," the anthoritative weekly re-

"Zulfigar does not resemble the T-72 or any other Russian main battle tank and the analysis of its design is setting a tricky puzzle for Western intelligence agen-

It is oot clear whether Iran plans to mass produce the Zulfigar. But Western weapons systems experts contacted by the Associated Press said Tehran is not beheved to have the engineering capabilities of starting a Zulfigar production line at this time.

"It's probable they've built one or two prototypes and trotted them out for propaganda purposes. There's certainly no evidence so far that is has gone, or is about to go, ioto full production, which is quite difficult," said Christopher Foss, editor of Jane's Armour and Artillery

However, Iran, which is currently engaged in a major rearmament programme, has been striving for the last de-cade to build an arms industry to achieve a degree of self-sufficiency and counter international arms embargoes. One of its main requirements now is new armour.

Iran can currently produce mortars, light arms, unguided battlefield rockets and is reputed to be working on developing the means to prodoce missiles and light armoured vehicles. Tehran claims it can now produce spare parts for its U.S.-built F14 and F-5 combat jets.

In the past, Iran has publicly displayed a light training aircraft, a . helicopter and other equipment it claimed

## Court cuts sentence in libel-against-mufti case

CAIRO (R) — An Egyptian appeal court on Tuesday softened sentences imposed on three men convicted of libelling the grand mufti, Egypt's highest religious authority, court sources said. The three — Shaaban

had of Al Azhar University in Cairo, Ali Al Salous o Qatar University and Ali Farouk Ali Hassan, editor-inchief of the defunct fundamentalist newspaper Al Nonr — had their six-month jail sentences cut to six months suspended after they apologised to the mufti.

The case is one of a few in which the government has used the courts to protect the religious establishment from attacks by the fundamentalist

right.
In articles in Al Nour the

three men criticised fatwas (legal rulings) from the mufti-on financial dealings and on the importation of alcohol, saying they were at odds with They were first sentenced

in April but appealed.

**Political business**'

The U.S. does "political namess" with Islamic fundamentalists in the Middle East, the Egyptian newsr er Al Akhbar charged Tues-

The unnatural American relationship with the symbols of terrorism and extremism under the cover of democracy. and human rights are no more than political busi-ness," the semi-official paper said in a front-page editorial.

#### Past and present fight over everything." took families on Sunday ex-

By Mimi Mann The Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA Throughout Alexandria, archaeologists who want to sav: the ancient city - or at k:.... record it — are in a race builders determined to c. if a new one. as stake is the hazy history

of a Mediterranean metropobuilt on the dreams of Alexander the Great. To win, the scholarly excavators the i stay one step ahead of the bulidozers. This is salvage archaeolo-

gy: Getting to what's buried a. quickly as possible, recordis " what's there, then turning ti e site over to the developit is the same story where-

: past and present collide: Landon, Rome, Athens, Beirut, Jerusalem, even in the vouthful United States, road-huilding crews strike ancient Indian burial mounds or civil war remains. In Alexandria, countless

transures sleep beneath the feur million people of a city tha: has lived more than

Uoder a blinding sun, French archaeologist Jean-Yves Empereur hurries from excavation to excavation five at the moment - where his colleagues are trying to

find everything in time. A Roman bath here, bits of mummy wrapping there, parts of an ancient house, the torso of a statue, a broken amphora filled with 1,200

"Perhaps this was once a garden," Mr. Empereur said. Someone buried the coins here for safekeeping and nev-er made it back."

Many centuries later, the garden became the site of a theatre, which in its turn has been sacrificed to progress. Alexandria probably holds

tens of thousands of such tales, but Mr. Empereur does not have the leisure of daydreaming. Archaeologists estimate they have no more than a decade left to dig.

"Everything is a piece of the puzzle is Alexandria." said Mr. Empereur, on loan from France's national centre of scientific research to help the Egyptiao Aotiquities tion. "We could lose

Armenian Cutholic Church Tel-

Exhuming Alexandria's 2,300 years of history is a little like cutting into a pan of lasagna. The earth holds layer after layer of time.

For centuries, Alexandria's buildings had no foundations. New buildings rose on top of old, leaving a lot of history iutact. Also, Alexander's architects designed the city in grids, like Washington, D.C. excavators have an idea where buildings should have

"Every time you lower a shovel in Alexandria, great things come up," Bob Bian-chi, a Greco-Roman historian from the United States, told the Associated Press. Alexandria's story begins in 332 B.C.

As Mr. Bianchi describes "Alexander came down from Syria along Alexandria, he looked out and said, 'what

Alexander, a Macedonian prince with great affection for things Greek, ordered a city built right there, to be named for him and become the capital of his empire. He died nine years later in Babylon

without seeing it. Ancient Alexandria, as large as a good-sized modern city, was designed for beauty. with palaces, temples, gar-dens, fountains and the renowned Alexandria library.

In its heyday, "the Pearl of the Mediterranean" had the world's finest port. In beauty and culture, it rivalled Rome. Alexandria's because so evocative that at least 34 communities around the world adopted it as their own, 12 of them in the United States.

The city flourished under many raiers, iceludiog Cleopatra and Mark Antony. But after they committed suicide in 30 B.C., disaster struck.

Riots, battles, invasions, earthquakes, fires and fluctuating sea levels took their toll on Alexander's city. Lost within its every-changing precincts were the library, the tombs of Alexander. Cleopatra and Mark Antony; colonnaded temples, the world's largest gymnasium, mosaic-covered baths, and

By the Middle Ages even the Pharohs lighthouse, one of the seven wonders of the

ancient world, was gone. Mr. Bianchi said two modern events had done the most to interfere with the preservation of Alexandria's

..... A British bombardment in July 1882 that destroyed major portions of the city. Construction of a waterfront highway a few decades ago that turned innumerable relics to powder, then dumped them into the sea.

Modern architecture has become the latest threat. High-rise buildings require deep foundations. At many sites, piles are driven almost 15 metres down, mutilating everything in their path. The archaeologists try to get there

Mohammad Awad, an architect, is a founding member of the Alexandria Preservation Trust, whose 300 members scour the city for

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If necessary, they file lawsuits to stop construction. That happened in 1993 when an extraordinary mosaic and other valuable antiquities were discovered at the site intended for a new Alexandrie library.

"We have now a unique opportunity to study ancient lexandria before all the city has been redeveloped," Mr. Awad said. "Below ground is the story of a city that's completely lost. So many parts Government officials and

construction companies often denounce requests that building projects be delayed for archaeology. By law, construction must give way to antiquities, but antiquities officials often lack the will to use that power.

lo Jooe, construction workers driving huge piles for a new university building hit a Roman water system, piercing an arch. Had the Roman walls not been six metres thick, the entire structure would have collapsed.

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TRAIN

## Jordanian vocalists take to the Fuheis stage

By Angham Tamimi Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — In cooperation with the Jordanian Musicians Association, the Fuheis Festival Tuesday night intro-duced four Jordanian singers two juniors and two seriors.

A'amer Mohammad, 23, is one of the young singers who made his debut before the Jotcanian public.

\*I have loved music since childhood," Mr. Mohammad told the Jordan Times. "I ocgan singing in 1988, and I alsp compose my own songs. When I was a child, I partici-pated in many festivals with the school singing group.

Planning to become profes-sional singer, Mr. Mohammad recently recorded a song in Baghdad. He believed that the quick modern song is the right way to the andience's

Rami Shafiq, 20. followed the steps of A amer Mohammad. From his performances at Fuheis it appeared that the new trend was spreading among today's young singers. ( Mohammad Abu Gharib, 3), appeared on stage, he to amuse people and arouse them to dance."

Actually, he succeeded to arruse the sleepy audience. Most of them were seen dancing, while he sang. Mr. is to recognise what the audi-Gharib is inspired by Egyptiah popular singer Ahmad ever comes to the theatre Adawiya, whose songs and style of movements on stage make you want to throw away the chair you are sitting Gharib.

talent comes before educa- audience with her folkloric

"If I have enough talent to present a kind of art that of the Crossing Borders anjuses people, and if I have group which performed at the aniacceptable personality on Jerash Festival last month, stage, so why should I edncate myself? Art is just like on his pocket recorder, and football. Maradona did not began clapping to Ms. Safa-study how to shoot the ball, di's tunes.



hut he is the world star," said Mr. Gharib.

does not want to listen to music or songs, but rather wants to dance," added Mr.

Adieu Mr. Art! singing in 1984, believes that Jordanian singer, drew in her sengs and her popular voice. American singer Russell,

Health minister meets with WHO official American students visit

Beaineh Wednesday met with Omar Sulei-man, the regional director of the World students from Brigham Young University Health Organisation (WHO) and discussed Wednesday visited the University of Jordan

issues related to community medicine prog-ratheness which are currently being executed there. The visitors were also acquainted with

with assistance from WHO and in cooperation students' extracurricular activities and they

with Jordanian universities. The two sides visited the university's museums.

nian physicians to specialise in community International youth camp to medicine at the Jordan University for Science

AMMAN (Petra) - Health Minister Aref university

The vocalist hegan her career in 1972. "My talent helped me improve my style, my voice level, and helped me choose the type that suites me," Ms. Safadi told the Jordan Times. The singer participated in many festivals in Algeria, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, and Romania where she was greatly encouraged.

As vice president of the Jordanian Musicians Association, Mrs. Safadi is the first man to occupy this post.

Mohammad Hazza' of the Ministry of Education de-scribed Ms. Safadi as one of the generation of this difficult age. "Yes, it is a difficult age, because we have to fight in order to feel that we exist," be said.

# British Airways to resume Amman flights

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — British Airways will resume its Amman flights on Dec. 8, ending an almost five-year hiatus prompted by the recession that hit international aviation in the late 80s, it was announced Wednes-

The decision by one of the leading European airlines was seen as a direct reflection of the changing environment in the Middle East as a result of the Arab-Israeli peace process and expectations that peace would bring in waves of tourists to the region.

made by Robert Ayling, group managing director of

British Airways, in London. Mr. Ayling also announced that British Airways was also resuming its Beirut flights on the same date after an 11-year suspension prompted by the civil war in Lebanon.

In the three years since the civil war ended, Lebanon's economy has im-proved, and "Jordan too is seeing the economic benefits of peace," Mr. Ayling said. "We are glad now to be able to implement our long-standing plans to re-turn to Beirut and Am-

Tony Christodola, public relations manager of British Airways, told the Jordan Times that the airline intends to operate two weekly flights to Amman

with Boeing 767 aircraft in the initial stage and gra-dually raising flights to four

The configuration of the plane will be 10 first class, and 40. "Club World" and 141 "World Traveller" class seats, he said. "Jordan is the place to

focus on now," Mr. Christ-odola said in a telephone interview from Beirut. "Jordan is spending a tremendous amount of money to develop tourism to Petra, Jerash, Aqaba etc. Jordan deserves all the attention one could give in

"British Airways will bring you more tourists and businessmen to Jordan," said Mr. Christodola. The airline suspended its

Amman flights at the height of an international depression of the aviation industry. It used to operate two flights a week to Jordan when it closed the operations, down from four

> Royal Jordanian (RJ), the Kingdom's national carrier, stepped in to fill in the vacuum left by the British airline's departure.

flights a week in the late

Most international airlines suspended their flights to Amman at the height of the Gulf crisis. The first to resume full operation was Air -France followed by KLM, the Dutch Airlines, which now operates daily flights between Amman

Industry sources said

Swissair was planning to resume its Amman flight by April/May 1995.

Lufthansa, the German airline, has not taken any final decision on resuming its flights to Jordan, the sources said.

"Most international airlines are now looking at Jordan with new interest, said the local manager of a European airline. "The fast events in the peace process have left many wishing that they had made advance preparations and studied the logistics of coming back to Amman or opening new

"Cooperation in tourism among Israel, Jordan and dous possibilities,

## Princess Sumaya lays cornerstone of college department complex



MMAN (J.T.) — Her Royal Highness Princess Sumaya Al Hassan Wednesday laid the foundation stone of a permanent complex to house the Electronie Engineering Department at Princess Sumaya University College for Technology (PSUCI) on the grounds of the Royal Scientific Society.

(RSS). Accompanied by Minister "of Higher Ellucation Rateb "Al Saoud and RSS President "Hani Mulki, the Princess also inaugurated the students acti-

vities building. RSS officials said the new Electronic Engineering Department will include modern laboratories, lecture halls, and staff offices, and the already completed students activities building comprises sports and recreational areas

in addition to other facilities. Princess Snmaya later attended the graduation ceremony of the 16th and last class of students from the computer college.

Students in the two-year computer training course will be able to pursue higher studies and obtain a bachelors degree in computer sciences following an extra two-year training course, said an RSS official.

He said the electronic enincering programme is a five-year programme leading to the bachelors degree.

The Princess distributed diplomas to the graduates during the ceremony, which was attended by members of the college board of trustees.

So far the college has graduated 669 students in-

graduated 009 students in-cluding 10 from non-Jordanian Arab countries.

Oariputi deliveredan address: thanking Princess Sumaya for patronising the ceremooy, noting that the college has signed contracts with two U.S. universities to provide expertise and training to the students in the new Computer Sciences Department.
The Higher Council for

Education earlier this year accredited the specialisation of computer science at Princess Sumaya University College for Technology. The PSUCF, established in

1991, enrolled its first group of students in computer scienee in 1991. In 1993, PSUCT expanded its educational activities and started to teach electronics engineering. The college grants the bachelors degree in both spe-

## Tourism minister to meet Israeli counterpart soon his Israeli counterpart that

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Minister of Tourism Mohammad Adwan is expected to meet with his Israeli counterpart Uzi Barak within the coming two weeks to explore venues of cooperation in the tourism industry, in-

formed sources have said. The sources told the Jordan Times, Tuesday evening that the meeting would take place at the new Aqaba-Eilat crossing point which was inaugurated by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Israeli. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin Monday.

Mr. Barak initiated a phone call to Dr. Adward Tuesday to discuss cooperation in the tourism sector and invite him to visit Israel, the sources said. They said Dr. Adwan told it is "premature" for him to visit Israel at this point, noting that Jordanian and Israeli committees are discussing tourism issues within the framework of the negotiations.
The Aqaba-Eilat cros-

sing point, which would serve third country nationals, was agreed upon in the Washington Declaration signed by His Majesty King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on July 25. Under the Declaration, another crossing point will be opened in a location in the north that has not yet been chosen. The opening of the cros-

sing point was followed by a Jordanian-Israeli summit in Aqaba.

The opening of the road link between Jordan and Israel is expected to lead to a boost in the number of tourists visiting the two countries as visitors to both

borders after only a fourkilometre drive. Visas for the tonrists could be issued at the border, but Israelis who hold dual nationalities need to obtain prior clearance.

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## Labour ministry, nurses' union to cooperate on employment issues

AMMAN (J.T.) and The renewal of their work perdinistry of Labour is premits according to the lordan, fently occapied by foreign and
pared to cooperate with the News Agency, Petra.

Jordanian Nurses' Union

At the meeting, Mr. Bzour

According to Mr. Bzour (JNU) regarding related einployment practices of the private and public sectors, Lahour Minister Khaled

Ghzawi said Wednesday. Speaking during a visit to the JNU office with the union's board members and Board Champerson Nazech Bour, Mr. Ghzawi said the Ministry of Labour was intent on denying work permits to foreign nurses without prior approval from the JNU and before giving priority in employment to Jordanian

The minister requested a list of names of the foreign female nurses employed by the private sector in order to re-examine their applications and status at the time of the

presented the case of the Jordanian nurses and their grievances and complaints to minister, noting that nurses at private hospitals receive lower wages than their colleagues employed by the public sector and are working

onger hours. According to the JNU, Jordan currently employs 153 non-Jordanian male and female nurses, while 525 Jordanian male and female nurses currently are seeking

employment. The minister told the JNU board that the Vocational Training Corporation (VTC) was ready to cooperate with them in organising special-

ised training courses for

Jordanian nurses so that they

According to Mr. Bzour, the JNU has set up a committee to respond to complaints and grievances raised by nurses in the private and public sectors.

Last April, Mr. Bzour announced that the JNU had taken action in court to ensure hetter pay for government-employed

He said that the action was necessary after two futile years of attempts to acquire better pay for the nurses, adding that the Labour Law stipulates that nurses are required to work six and not eight hours per day as they

are doing now with no over-

## WHAT'S GOING ON

AMMAN (Petra) - Another group of police vities. The event, which will be opened under

officers from the Public Security Department the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor,

(PSD) left Amman Wednesday to join U.N. entails seminars, field trips to projects, volun-

prace keeping forces in Mozambique and tary work for the local community and meet-

Croatia. The 20-member group was seen off ings with officials as well as visits to by PSD Director Abdul Rahman Udwan. archaeological sites in Jordan.

The following listings are compiled from \* Caricature drawings exhibition by Imad at an architecture of the control of the con Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

also discussed prospects of dispatching Jorda-

Jordan under a programme sponsored by

Poõce officers head for Mozambique, Croatia

and Technology (JUST) and the University of Start

### FUHEIS FIFTH FESTIVAL

- x Concert by Lebanese vocalist Najwa Seram at the main theatre on Thursday at
- Children play "Children's Garden" at Bait Ai Fuheis Theatre on Thursday at 11:00
- Concert by Iraqi vocalist Mohmood Anwar at the main theatre on Thursday at 21:00. children's play "Laila and the Wolf" to be followed by folkloric dances at Bait Al Funcis Theatre on Friday at 11:00 a.m.
- Seminar in Arabic entitled "Jordanian Pioneering Experiences" with the participation of Dr. Nassereddin Al Assad and Mr. Najib Al Rashdan at the festival site on Thursday at 18:30. ⇒ Poetry recital by Ibrahim Nassereddin,
- Rivadh, and Yousef Abdul Aziz at the site 😓 festival on Thursday at 19:30. Seminar in Arabic entitled "Drama in Jordan" with the participation of Mn'nis Razzaz, Nazih Abu Nidal, and Ramadan Al

Jeries Samawi, Zuhair Abu Shaib, Taher

- Rawashdeh on Friday at 18:30. Poetry recital by Marian Al Saifi, Ranah 
   ★ Exhibition of water paints by Sudanese Nazzel, and Nabila Al Khatib or Friday at artist Abdul Qadir Al Bakhit at Baladua
- ☆ Exhibition of Jordanian scripts, docu- ☆ Exhibition entitled "Environmental Techments, and books. Abstract art paintings exhibition by Salwa
- Ammaren, Darya Zetzifa, Norma Hattar, & and Ilias Tu'meh. Exhibition on the city of Salt.

AMMAN (Petra) — A group of 115 young Jordanians working and living in 16 Arah and

foreign countries will gather at a youth camp

in Ajloun Saturday to start a week-long

programme of voluntary and orientation acti-

- \* Exhibition of handicrafts.
- Comprehensive agricultural exhibition (held for the first time with the participation of the private and public sectors).

Play in Arabic entitled "The Man Who Ate-The Goose" at the Royal Cultural Centre on Thursday and Friday at 20:00.

#### CONCERT

Concert of Armenian pop songs by Karnig Sarkissian at the Royal Cultural Centre at

#### **MUSICAL PERFORMANCE**

"Ond" performance by musician Jalal Al Wandi at the Phoenix Gallery for Art and Culture on Thursday at 20:00 (Tel.

### EXHIBITIONS

- Exhibition of oil paintings by Princess Wijdan Ali at the Balqa' Art Gallery in Fuheis (10:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.) (Tel.
- Exhibition of ceramic works by Samar Tarazi at the Royal Cultural Centre. Art Gallery, Gardens Street (Tel. 687598).
- nologies; A Travelling Information Centre" at the American Center. Exhibition of paintings by Jordanian and Iraqi artists at Orfali Art Gallery in Umm Utheina (Tel. 826932).

## Britain donates £13,500 to Save the Children Federation Donation to help women's credit programme in poverty sectors

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Peter Hinchcliff, the British ambassador in Amman, Wednesday presented a cheque for £13,500 to Mark Eldou-Edington in support of the Save the Children Federation in Jordan (SCF).

The donation will be

used for a state-of-the-art credit programme for poor women based on grouplending principles, according to Mr. Eldon-Edington, field office director of SCF.

"We recognise that women spend more time trying to earn money to belp their husbands, and spend less time with their children," said Mr.Eldon-Edington.

He said the major problem that poor women face in this area is lack of credit and loans.

"Poor women don't have access to loans in Jordan and they cannot get guarantees from banks and institutions. "We hope that our prog-

ramine will help build up their credit," he said. According to Mr. Eldon-Edington, the project, which started in late June is a pilot project which grants 30 loans to women in groups of 10, adding that non-governmental organisations (NGOs) can work

closely with the govern-

ment to implement poverty reduction programmes.

The SCF initial project site of Mahatta, he said,

was chosen in consultation with the Ministry of Social Development. "We hope that in the near future we expand our project and cooperate with the NGOs and strengthen

their capacity so that they

can implement the prog-rammes themselves," Mr.

Eldon-Edington told the Rana Saifi, the development officer at the British embassy, said this initial grant from the embassy will be distributed for women to invest in small projects with a capacity to expand in

"Financially poor women will get the chance to put their hands together to work on establishing their own economic status through this povertyreduction programme,

the future.

Ms. Saifi said. She told the Jordan Times that the key issue in the project is supporting NGO programmes and in poverty reduction, such as promoting the social status of. women and finding solutions to their financial problems of unemploy-

"Women will get the chance to choose their own activities and will be able to pay up their loans from the



British Ambassador to Jordan Peter Hinchcliff Edington in support of the federation's prog-(centre) Wednesday presents a cheque to Save ramme to improve the economic conditions of the Children Federation's Mark Eldon- poor women

money they make," she said. Many women who enrolled in the project are entitled to other future loans if they succeed in closing their dept, Ms. Saifi said.

Some of the activities that the poor women adopted included producing cushions, handbags, wallets, cleaning materials, cigarettes, vegetables, baby pads and watermelon and

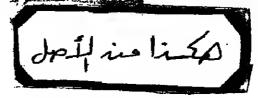
producing small groceries at home and selling them. She added that most women were encouraged by the idea, and "some of them told me that they plan to better their lives through increasing their income by increasing the trade and competing with other

SCF which has been established in 1985, aims at

sources."

making lasting, positive changes in the lives of disadvantaged children, their families and the communities in which they live, through sustainable community development programmes.

The poverty reduction programme also includes early childhood development, basic education and



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Wagnerian opera kilis zoo anima

COPENHAGEN (AP) Opera may be sweet music in some people's ears. But to one animal, it was fatal. The

Copenhagen Zoo said that

one of its okapis — a rate

African mammal related to

the giraffe - died last week

from stress apparently trig-

gered by the sound of opera

singers reheasing at a nearby

park. The six-year-old okapi named Katanda, which like

other mammals can be sev.

erely affected by unusual

sounds, reacted immediately

when Royal Theatre perfor-

mers began singing some 300

metres from its cage, said 200

spokesman Peter Haase,

reacted to the opera sounds.

She started hyperventilating went into shock and col-

lapsed," Mr. Haase said

We did all we could, but she

died Saturday." An autopsy performed Tuesday deter-

mined the animal suffered a

severe "stress" attack when

singers hegan rehearsing

selections from Richard Wag-ner's Tannhauser. Katanda

was hrought to the

Copenhagen Zoo last year from the San Diego Zoo, in

California. Eight months

ago, Katanda gave birth to a calf in Copenhagen. Hasse said neither the calf nor a

male okapi appeared to so severely to the singlig.

The sound also had no dis-

cernible effect on the zoo's

other excitable animals, in-

cluding antelopes and zebras, he said. The Royal Theatre

"very deeply regretted the animal's death," said a

spokesman, Jon Stephensen.

SYDNEY (R) - A one-

eyed, six-year-old dog named

Blackie has inherited Austra-

lian dollars 50,000 (\$37,000)

but the windfall has bought

him no sweet bones, just a

bitter legal battle. Blackie's

owner, John Goodchild, died

of lung cancer in February

1993, hat hefore he passed

away he made sure his trusty

companion would be taken

care of, the West Australian

newspaper reported Wednes-

day, Mr. Goodchild left Au-

stralian dollars 50,000 in a

trust account for Blackie, to

be administered by dog ker-nel owner Barbara Norris.

However, his son David has

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# Massacre predicted if Haiti crisis is not resolved soon

PORT-AU-PRINCE (AP) — Haiti's leading prodemocracy activist accused the military Tuesday of arming thousands of civilian supporters to massacre Haitians, not to resist a possible invasion.

"The only target for the weapons is the people,' capital Mayor Evans Paul, in hiding since a 1991 military coup, told the Associated Press in a 90-minute interview from a safehouse.

The military has turned over weapons to paramilitary recruits in the past several days and led them in training in downtown Port-Au-Prince. The arms are among 30,000 guns seized from the Duvalier dictatorship's Tonton Macoute terror squad when it was disbanded in 1986, said Frantz-Robert Monde, president of Haiti's

iower house of parliament. Twenty-thousand of those weapons are reserved for distribution in the capital and the remainder for the countryside, said Mr. Monde, a former Macoute and close associate of capital Police Chief Joseph Michel Fran-

BOGOTA (R) — The assassination of a leading leftist politician has highlighted

what human rights groups say

A knowledgeable diplomat could not confirm the 30,000weapon figure but said the army "very efficiently" disarmed the Macontes in 1986. The Macontes commonly used M-1 carbines, the diplomat said on condition of anonymity. M-1s have been carried by some recruits in

their training exercises. The exercises themselves have been portrayed as street threatre seeking to deter the United States from invading or to intimidate the Haitian

"I think despite the people running around, shooting around trees with broomsticks, nobody's particularly concerned about the big show that's taking place to encourage nationalist fervour," U.S. embassy spokesman Stanley Schrager told reporters Tuesday.

"But I don't think anybody has any doubt that the initial phase of any kind of (U.S.) military intervention would be very difficult. It's what happens after that."
U.S. officials, publicly committed to ending the

strategy to stop the vio-

Snarez, secretary of the

Permanent Committee on

said Jesus Anibal

Colombia killing of leftist senator

a grim reminder of rights abuses

Human Rights.

lence,"

nearly three-year rule of Hai-tian coup leaders, are examining ways to both seize key installations and protect Haitians from their own soldiers. The military and its allies are responsible for many of the up to 3,000 political killings after the overthrow of elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

People in the democratic movement have expressed concern that they and their supporters could be targeted by the new recruits. Many of them former Macoutes or soldiers. The weapons also could be used for vengeance or extortion, said Mayor Paul, who led Mr. Aristide's successful 1990 presidential

campaign.
"Most of them (the recruits), covered by a political alibi, will try to settle their own personal problems," said Mr. Paul, who escaped an assassination attempt in Scotember.

He and a group of American elergy and human rights advocates living in Haiti urged Washington to move swiftly to end the milit-

Party and the leftist Patriotic

Like many of Colombia's

political assassinations, Sen.

Cepeda's had been foresha-

Union Party.

"Every day of delay costs more lives," the American group told U.S. Ambassador William Swing in a statement Tuesday. "Any action taken must not be used as a pretent for subsequent attack on the general population."

Making a similar point, Mr. Paul reported a shooting attack Tuesday night on the home of suburban Petionville Mayor Lydie Parent and her brother, pro-Aristide Sen. Clark Parent. A woman living in the home was wounded, Mr. Paul said.

Mr. Monde, the pro-army parliamentarian, and Sen. Bernard Sansaricq, a friend of army Commander Raoul Cedras, told the AP the paramilitary units could enter poor neighbourhoods and begin shooting if U.S.-led troops invaded.

"If there is an invasion, whole towns will be set on fire," Mr. Monde ssaid. The poorer neighbourhoods tend to be Aristide

strongholds.
"The United States doesn't know what it's getting into," Sen. Sansaricq said. "It's giv-ing me bad dreams."

# Concerns Cambodian

The Cambodian army is encircling a Khmer Rouge camp where three Western hos-tages are being held, raising fears they could jeopardise negotiations to free the captives, diplomats said Wednes-

day.
Some local army units have advanced to within 500 metres of Khmer Rouge positions near their commune at Vine Mountain, about 150 kilometres south of Phnom-Penh, a senior army officer. said Tuesday.

surround the place where they have the hostages and then we will speak to them (Khmer Ronge) and ask them to be released," Colonel Som Sokha said from a roadside outpost in Kompong Trach district, close to Vine

"If they don't release the foreigners, we will attack,"

Mark Slater, 28, from Britain, Jean-Michel Braquet, 28, from France and David Wilson, 29, an Australian, were taken hostage by the Khmer Rouge after their Kampot-bound train was ambushed on July 26.

16 were still held captive, including the three Westerners and three ethnic Viet-

than 5,000 soldiers would be required to complete the cu-

# raised over army build-up

KAMPOT, Cambodia (R) -

"Now we have a plan to

Thirteen people were kil-led in the attack and another

Col. Sokha estimated more



Port-An-Prince, Haiti. The Haitian army has for a possible U.S. military invasion of their distributed thousands of old rifles to newly

### Taslima Nasrin said to leave Bangladesh

DHAKA (R) — Controversial Bangladeshi feminist writer Taslima Nasrin, under death threat from Muslim extremists for allegedly insulting Islam, has left the country for an unknown destination, a senior government official

"My information says she appears to have left the country," Home Secretary Azimuddin Ahmad told repor-

A new Dhaka newspaper, Al Mujadded, reported earlier Wednesay that Ms. Nas-rin had left for Bangkok Tuesday with a Norwegian

passport.
The Bangladeshi Home and Foreign Affairs Ministers immediately denied any knowledge of her move-

Ms. Nasrin was granted bail by the High Court last Wednesday on a charge of insulting Islam. Mr. Ahmad said there was no bar on her leaving the country.

"She is now free to go out of the country and return like any other citizen," he told

Police lifted a warrant of arrest on her last Friday but were still standing guard at Ms. Nasrin's Dhaka apart-

"Our job is to guard the apartment. We don't know if she has left or not," one police officer said. Foreign Ministry officials

said Wednesday afternoon they were still checking on reports about her leaving

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AFP)
— AIDS researchers and

activists attending an interna-

tional conference here called

Wednesday for increased

awareness of the disease to

of sufferers.

"We could not confirm it

yet," said Zahid Hossain, director-general of the ministry's External Publicity De-

Al-Mujadded said the Norwegian charge d'affairs met Foreign Ministry officials in Dhaka Tuesday, but this could not be confirmed. Ms. Nasrin's family could

not be contacted. However, police said they saw Ms. Nasrin's younger sister, Roxana Yasmin, leaving the apartment early Wednesday. They could not give further details. Ms. Nasrin's friends, who also said they did not know if she had already flown out,

tions would be Norway or Sweden "where she is a very acceptable person in the first "Her third choice is the United States and then Ger-

said her probable destina-

many," one family friend told Reuters. However, no one knew for certain where she was heading. Ms. Nasrin had remained

a fugitive since June 4 after the government ordered her arrest for insulting Muslim religious feelings after she was quoted by India's Statesman newspaper as saying Islam's holy book, The Koran, should be "revised thorough-

Ms. Nasrin said she was misquoted but the newspaper stood by its report.

Earlier, she had offended many Muslims by saying women were treated as slaves by men who practice the reli-

Her purported comment on The Koran provoked

Ms. Suwunjundee, a mem-

ber of a Thai AIDS support

group, said that when she initially revealed she had the

acquired immune deficiency

International AIDS conference

to live in society."

tants offered cash rewards for Ms. Nasrin's court appear-

ance followed two months in hiding. Swedish and Norwegian foreign ministries would neither confirm nor deny re-

ports that Ms. Nasrin was on her way to either country.
"Yes, we know she has left the country (Bangladesh)," Swedish Foreign Ministry spokesman Henrik Norman told Reuters in Stockholm.

"We can neither confirm nor deny anything about Sweden since this would lead to a difficult situation in light of people who are out to kill her," he said. Mr. Norman said Sweden,

countries, had been working to guarantee Nasrin's safety and allow her to leave the "The Norwegian Foreign Ministry does not know if she

along with a number of other

is on her way to Norway," a ministry spokesman in Oslo He denied an earlier report

that a Norwegian diplomat had helped Nasrin leave Dhaka. The Swedish Foreign Minister Margaretha Af

Ugglas said in a statement she was pleased Ms. Nasrin had been able to leave Bangladesh legally. She gave no precise details of the author's whereabouts. "The Swedish government,

like many others, has been actively involved in her case for a long time," Ms. Af Ugglas said.

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als that will accept us. Bed

space, however, is limited."

human rights of AIDS pa-

She also said that the basic

#### Robbers flee wib cash and 2-month old baby urges greater awareness, tolerance

NEW YORK (R) - Robbers at a Brooklyn phone equipment store made off with cash, gold chains and the owner's two-month-old baby, authorities said. Adding to the bizarre nature of the crime, the rohbers, three men and one woman, made their escape on a city bus that came by, witnesses said. The came by, witnesses said. The child was later found in the moi the moi the stairwell of a Brooklyn hospital, a police spokesman te weekend, p said. Some local news reports said the robbery and kidnapping of the baby out of her mother's arms appeared to be Rose th drug related and that the The United the United for ransom. Store employee Dixon Lugo told reporters that the robbers "demanded

## Mechanic finds new meaning for

AUSTIN, Texas (R) — A human hand found in a car glove compartment by a mechanic was "handed down as a family heiricom" and not evidence of foul play, poce said Tuesday. The hand was originally owned by a retired University of Montreal anatomy professor who told University of Montrea told the Highest tomy professor who told the Highest police it was a "quirky hand by had when police it was a "quirky name" at had when he organization by his granddaughter, Austin to plane he woman Ami Taylor said. The hand, found Monday, be hand, found Monday, or longs to Alison Hastings, a long to Pan in pre-med student at Tulant long of long to the lo University and a native New York state, Ms. Taylor said. Ms. Hastings was visiting friends in Austin when the protection of the protection ing friends in Austin when the car broke down. She flew back to New York state but left the hand in the glove he had in the grown compartment of her car when the compartment of at a body her kind had been been as a body by the line of she dropped it off at a body the training shop for repair, police said. formation about the car before 1939, is lacquered and has a portion of one finger exposed to the bone. Vens had a ring on the hand are painted bloss along a common and arteries red, Taylor sa.

## ens us is how we can continue

KISHINYOV (R) — Delegates from the breakaway Dnestr Republic have walked ont of talks between Russia and Moldova on the withdrawal of Russia's 14th Army, accusing both countries of ignoring their region's

The observers' walkout came Tuesday, the opening day of the 10th round of negotiations between Russia and Moldova on the future status of the army. The move suggested agreement between negotiators on a withdrawal timetable could be im-

Major-General Stefan Kitsak, leader of the Dnestr observer delegation at the talks, said in a statement broadcast on Duestr Radio that the rebel region would only return to the negotiating table if it was granted equal

Russia and Moldova are believed to be close to an agreement on a three-year timetable for withdrawing the 14th Army. It is quartered in the rebel region on the left bank of the River Dnestr, which divides Moldova in

Gen. Kitsak said it was "impermissible" for Russia and Moldova to agree on a timetable before there was agreement on Dnestr's future political status. This is the subject of separate negotiations, which are only at an early stage. A withdrawal of the 14th in the region and to a new spiral of confrontation," Gen. Kitsak said. Several hundred people

died in fighting between Moldovan and Dnestr fighters in 1992 June. Gen. Kitsak said the local Dnestr population saw the Russian troops "as an indi-

visible part of itself." Colonel Mikhail Bergman, senior 14th Army officer, told Reuters this week that 90 per cent of the officers and 100 per cent of the soldiers in the army were from the Duestr region.
Col. Bergman's boss,

Lieutenant-General Alexander Lebed, is at the centre of a row with the Russian Defence Ministry, which is planning a reorganisation of the army command that could abolish his job. Gen. Lebed is also in-

volved in a conflict with the Duestr leaders, whom he has described as criminals. Gen. Kitsak said the Dnestr side would effectively

bility for implementing the withdrawal agreement. The 14th Army, estimated at around 15,000 men, has large stocks of weaponry left over from the Soviet period including several hundred thousand automatic weapons

and huge ammunition Colonel Bergman said it would take at least three years to remove these stockpiles at the rate of one 50-

wagon train a day. Both Kishinyov and Mosfigure, a personality", adding "He will be president of Russia. I tell you that as a fact. In Russia people who are disgraced have always come to power. That's Rus-

He praised Gen. Lebed as 'a new Peter the First", referring to the tsar who opened Russia to Europe in the early 18th century and won big military victories against the Swedes and the Turks, and described him as

"If Lebed goes, I will lead a partisan group."
He predicted that morale

in the 14th Army would collapse completely if Gen. Lebed was removed and Moscow agreed with Moldova on a timetable for withdrawal.

He predicted that gigantic stocks of weaponry under the 14th Army's control could fall into the hands of the Dnestr Republic's leaders.



An armed Haitism civilian receives basic in recruited civilians in an effort to prepare them

tients were infringed by some syndrome (AIDS), her family prevent the marginalisation doctors who secretly tested was reluctant to carry on for the Human Immunodefiliving with her. During the third-day of an ciency Virus, (HIV), the They were afraid to have international AIDS confervirus which leads to the disme live in the same house so I ence here, Junsuda Suwunjundee, a Thai woman with decided to leave home for the clinic," she said. "If the patient has HIV, AIDS, said: "Death no lon-She added: "As we are not they will refuse to treat that ger frightens us. What frightwelcome in some hospitals, patient," she said. Moldova's Dnestr area quits Russian army pullout talks cow want to prevent the weaponry falling into the "a cosmic personality."
He said only Gen. Lebed that the robbers more money and they said if there has the we don't get more money the stays with us." hands of the unrecognised could save Russia from fasc-Dnestr, Republic, which has ism and hardline nationalism. laid claim to the stockpiles. Last month Gen. Lebed, in Gen. Lebed and Col. an outspoken interview with Izvestia newspaper described Mr. Yeltsin as "a minus" and Bergman have produced documents which they say prove the involvement of praised Chilean dictator An-Duestr President Igor Smirgusto Pinochet. However, Col. Bergman described his 'hand in glove' nov in illegal arms traffickboss, a veteran of Afghanis-Col. Bergman gave no evitan and of many other militdence for his accusations but ary operations in conflict said only President Boris zones in the former Soviet Union, as a strong opponent Yeltsin now had the power to of both fascism and comsave Gen. Lebed. Gen. Lebed was a key fimunism. gure in Mr. Yeltsin's 1991 defeat of a hardline putsch in "People are calling me from St. Petersburg, Moscow, Sverdlovsk and all over Moscow and helped save him again by refusing appeals for support by Vice-President the country to support Lebed," he said, adding that artists in Moscow wanted to Alexander Rutskoi during last October's Moscow power paint the general's picture. He implied that Gen. Lebed struggle. "Unless the president had been let down by De-fence Minister Pavel stands up for Lebed the way Lebed stood up for him, he Grachev, an old comrade-inwon't remain in office for arms from the Soviet Airborne Forces. more than three months." They were old friends but Col. Bergman predicted. wash its hands of all responsimoney decides everything. Col. Bergman described How Grachev could do this I Gen. Lebed as "a historic don't understand," he said,

#### are appalling rights conditions in Colombia. Sen. Cepeda was the most important left-wing politician to be murdered in Colombia dowed by death threats, and The shooting death of the government was accused Senator Manuel cepeda Varof failing to prevent it. gas in hroad daylight in Bogota prompted human Standing beside the car in which his father's bloodied since the M-19 movement's presidential candidate, Carlos body lay, Ivan Cepeda Var-gas told Renters that Manuel rights activists to call for Col-Pizarro, was shot dead ombia's brand-new president aboard an airliner in April to take steps and improve the Cepeda has complained to 1990. Hundreds of lesser the government about the death threats he had received activists have died in the insituation. President Ernesto Samper, tervening four years. who took office Sunday, was quick to condemn the killing, Amnesty International and asked for protection but officials, during a recent news got no help. saying: "We will intensify all

the state's actions to keep fighting all class of incidents of the worst human rights that interrupt the people's But human rights activists expressed scepticism. They

of previous governments proved ineffective. "Samper might have the right intentions but his proposals so far show that he has

well being.

recalled the good intentions

violators in the world with more than 20,000 political killings in the last eight years.

suspend military aid, Sen. Cepeda, 64, was the sole representative in the

It blamed security forces for most of the killings and called on the United States to

The government never offered him protection," he conference m Bogota, accused Colombia of being one said, as Communist Party activists chanted: "The military assassinated Mannel Cepeda with government complicity."

Sen. Cepeda was driving into Bogota from a western suburh when a jeep-borne gunman pulled up to his car and killed him. No one im-Senate of a coalition between mediately claimed responsi-



a convention sponsored by the rebel Zapatista National Liberation Army in the Lancandon

#### of their gathering. The rebels and their sup-porters closed their convention calling for the peaceful overthrow of the ruling party in Aug. 21 presidential election (AFP photo jungle in Chiapas state vote on the second day Zapatista convention ends with call

AGUASCALIENTES, Mexico (AFP) — A convention organised by Mexico's Zapatista rebels ended with a call for peaceful change and an appeal to vote against the party that has ruled Mexico for 65 years.

Some 5,000 delegates to the convention that ended Tuesday in the zone of a rebel uprising also called for "four days of peace and justice for democracy" starting Aug. 17 until the Aug. 21. presidential and legislative elections.

Subcommandante Marcos. assumed to be the leader of the Zapatistas who staged a Jan. I uprising in this impoverished region, called on 'Mexico's civilian society to lead the way for democratic change and obviate the need for our armed alternative.

arms, and we will move to the side, but we will not leave." Comm. Marcos told the convention. The delegates came from a variety of peasant, native, academic and labour orga-

nisations hut there were no

representatives from

government-recognised

opposition groups or major

Labour unions.

"This is not the time for

for peaceful change in Mexico No major party candidates attended the gathering, which was dubbed the "National Democratic Con-

vention. The convention sought to mobilise opposition to the Institutional Revolutionary Party which has ruled Mexico for the past 65 years and its presidential candidate, Ernesto Zedillo, who is favoured to win the poll.

But the delegates declined to back either of the two major opposition party candidates — the conservative National Action Party's Diego Fernandez and Cuauhtemoc Cardenas of the centrist Party of of the Democratic Revolution.

Organisers of the convention in a remote jungle region in southern Mexico have called for a constitutional convention aimed at "restoring democracy" through the naming of a provisional government and the creation of a special constituent assembly.

talks with the government were called off until after the elections — have threatened to resume fighting if the ballot is not free and fair.

Rebels - whose peace

The delegates called for

strikes, demonstrations and

other unspecified actions if the vote is marred by fraud. But political scientist Pablo Gonzalez Casanova, one of the 100 delegates named to a collective "presidency" said the plan was "not at all insur-

With less than two weeks

before the Mexican election,

the democratic Party's campaign has not caught fire the way it did in 1988, when it nearly swept the longtime ruling party from power. The party, known as the PRD, is widely believed to have won more votes in the last election than the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), which was delcared the winner only after vote-

tallying computers were mysteriously shut down. But this year, polls show the left-leaning PRD battling the conservative National Action Party (PAN) for

second place behind the PRI. PRD leaders say the party is gaining in the last stretch of the campaign but they concede it has been badly weakened in this election by a six-year campaign by the PRI to portray the PRD and its presidential candidate. Cuanhtemoc Cardenas, as violent and radical.



d the animal Smoke pours from the wreckage of a Korean Airlines (KAL) Airbus 300 after it crashed and burst into flames on landing at the animal factories on the resort island of Cheju, south of Seoul (AFP photo)

## brought S. Korean aircraft crashes; all 160 escape

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separatist Muslim leader Fik-

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Michael Rose, the U.N. com-

The United Nations esti-

mated 400 artillery shells and

morter bombs had hit within

and just outside the exclusion

There has been heavy

zone in the past 24 hours.

shelling... the firing coming from both sides." U.N.

spokeswoman Claire Grimes told Reuters.

- "That led to a warning shot

mander in Bosnia.

Elsewbere in Bosuia.

He said seven of those treated were passengers and one the co-pilot. Earlier reports said most of those hurt were

"Everyooe was overwhelmed with paule and withunt the crewmembers' cool and orderly guidance the situation would have been messy and escape difficult," passenger Bae Ke-Dong told the Yonkap Domestic News Agency.

Television pictures showed the aircraft in flames in a field at the edge of Cheju Airport, completely destroyed apart from its cockpit and pale blne tail bearing the airline's logo.

"i heard several bangs in succession only minutes after passengers escaped from the plane, a witness said on

Television pictures showed several small explosions and a large fireball rising from the

the Granden but no one was admitted to year involving the A300-600.

from General Rose that

NATO aircraft would be over

the area and if the shelling

continued he would use all

necessary measures to stop it,

including air power," she

It was the first known occa

sion on which the Muslim-led.

Bosnian army bas been threatened with air strikes.

attacked Serb targets three

times, most recently last Fri-day when they knocked out a Bosnian Serb M-18 anti-tank

gun to punish the Serbs for

snatching back beavy

weapons from a U.N. com-

The Bosnian Serbs have

come under increasing military pressure from Muslim

forces and have lost ground.

to be taking advantage of a

rift between the Bosnian

Serbs and their backers in

week broke off relations with

the Bosman Serbs because of

their continued rejection of

an international peace plan to

end the 28-muuth Bosnian

Serbian President Slobo-

dan Milosevic hopes that by

cotting off the Bosnian Serbs

Serbian-led Yugoslavia last

The Muslims are believed

pound in Sarajevo.

NATO warplanes bave

according to data from manufacturer Airbus Industrie. In the first fatal accident for this type of plane in its 10 years of service, 264 people died on April 26 when an A300-600R of Taiwan's China Airlines came down at

Nagoya, Japan. The KAL plane was delivered in February 1991, Airbus said.

The KAL spokesmau blamed the disaster on strong winds caused hy typhoon Doug approaching the resort island off the southern coast of the Korean peninsula, hut a Transport Ministry official said the plane overshot its landing mark and did not have enough runway length.

"The plane failed to secure enough runway distance, and tried to take off again but failed. Its right wing hit the airport fences to start a fire," the ministry official said.

The exact cause of the was being investigated.

South Korea's Meteorological Office had warned that typboon Doug was affecting added.

he can avoid tougher U.N.,

sanctions to force the Serbs

U.S. Secretary of State

Warren Christopher indicate

for the first time that

Washington would agree with

to offer an easing of sanctions grade, analysts said.

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on Belgrade as a way of getting

"If there is a substantial

period of ennorcement, of

the intention that was ex-

pressed, if the border was

effectively closed and if the

Bosnian Serbs seem to be

deprived of important aid

and war-making material,

clearly there then would be a

case for easing sanctions," he

Serbian authorities in Bel-

grade, apparently stepping up pressure on the Bosnian

Serbs, are now blocking U.N.

relief convoys trying to cross

into Serb-held areas of Bos-

Bot the Bosnian Serbs re-

mained defiant and their

chief Radovan Karadzic said:

"Serbia faces new humilia-

tions hy continuing with further appearement."

allow international monitors

to be placed on the Bosnian

He suggested Serbia might

nia. U.N. officials said.

Serbia to bear down on Bos-

mian Serh leaders.

told reporters.

to accept the peace plan.

Cheiu, a popular vacatiun and honeymoon resort, before the crash took place. The plane was shaking

badly and I felt as if I was plunging when it tried to land," passenger Kim Kyong-Shik told Yonhap.

"Shurtly after the landing gear touched down, the front part of the plane lifted up. I thought the plane was veering off the runway and then 1 saw flames rising with a hang," he said.

Television pictures showed fire trucks showering foam onto the plane to douse the flames.

Initial reports had said there were 150 people aboard but the airline subsequently revised this to 152 passengers and eight crew,

Eelevan Japanese passengers on board the Airbus, which was on a domestic route from Seoul, escaped unhurt, the KAL spokesman said. The remaining passengers were South Korean, but the pilot was Canadian, he

border to enforce the block-

to allow international moni-

tors on the Serbian-Bosnian

border, major powers would

seriously have to consider

Despite their isolation, the

Bosnian Serbs have remained

defiant and say they will look

ahead with a referendum oo

Aug. 27-28, which is ex-

pected to reject the peace

series of offensives in the last

few weeks, the government

Fifth Corps captured several

key towns and sent several

thousand civilians and armed

rebel Muslim soldiers fleeing

for safety across the border

territory.

into the Serb-held Croatian

Although having lost half of the territory, rebel leader

Fikret Abdic swore to fight

on: "I will stay with my peo-

ple to fight for autonomy...

we cannot be defeated, we

In an interview with Reu-

ters, Mr. Abdic said the

Serbs let the refugee and

soldiers cross back to Bosnia

uear his Velika Kladusa

are unbeatable."

stronghold Tuesday.

In northwest Bosnia, in a

If Mr. Milosevie did agree

## Chechen assembly backs state of war, general mobilisation call

MOSCOW (AFP) - Delegates to an assembly in Chechenya asked President Dzhokhar Dudayev Wednesday to declare a state of war in the republic and order a general mobilisation to counter "Russian aggression," ITAR-TASS said.

The appeal was backed by delegates from nine of Chechnya's 17 regions, all uf which were represented at a special "Congress of Cheeheo People" which opened in the Chechen capital, Grozny, the report said.

Mr. Dudayev said earlier he would order a general mobilisation uf Checheu's male population if the congress gave the go-ahead, Interfax News Agency re-

ITAR-TASS said the delegates from nine regiuns of the republic ealled on Mr. Dudayev to order "im-mediately a state of war throughout the territory of the republic."

They also called for the "mobilisation of the male population and to organise all uccessary means for repelling the aggression by the Russian

Tension mounted Wednesday in the mountainous re-public, which Mr. Dudayev unilaterally declared independeut from Russia in 1991. a move recognised by no one.

The opposition movement. which Mr. Dudavev accuses of being orchestrated hy Moscow, told Interfax that it had elected Ali Alavdinov, a former businessman, to head the "provisional council." or opposition government.

The council was based inthe northwest Chechen town of Nadterechny and had organised patruls with armoured vehicles in the area to guarantee security fur council members, interfax said.

Ruslan Khasbulatov, the furmer Russian parliament speaker who led last year's armed revolt in Moscow, announced in a newspaper interview Wednesday he had returned to his native Chechenya to hroker a peace settlement.

According to the official daily Izvestia, Mr. Khasbulatov was given a hero's welcome, including a 200-car motorcade, when he returned to his homeland Mouday.

He met with opposition members in Moscow Monday and told Izvestia that be would "urge the republic's democratic forces to trust'

Cossack authorities in the Stavropoi region meanwhile demed reports that Cossack forces were massing on the Russian side of the border with Chechenya.

Interfax separately qnoted a Russian connterintelligence service source as saying that Moscow was not considering sending troops into Chechenya, despite recent Russian declarations that the republic must be brought back under Moscow's control. A spokesman for the Rus-

Mr. Khasbnlatov had any official mandate tu negoriate a political settlement in the breakaway Caucasus republic and described his presence there as "essentially private." "You would have to ask Khasbulatov himself what he

sian government denied that

is doing there," the spokeswoman said. Chechen ufficials have also denied plans to take up Mr. Khasbulatov's offer of mediation and the former parliament speaker made clear he supported the opposition's

demands for Mr. Dudayev tu

"It is necessary to win Dudayev's voluntary resignation, guaranteeing him secur-

ity in the future," Mr. Khasbulatov stated. He added that no deployment of Russian troops in the republic would be needed to resolve the cri-

Despite questions on his iuteutiuns and usefulness, Mr. Khasbulatov's remarks to Izvestia nooetheless marked his return to the Russian political fray just six months after he was freed from prison and vowed to stay out of politics.

Mr. Khasbulatov, an allyturned-enemy of President Buris Yeltsin, was also known as a strong political upponent uf Mr. Dudayev and was accused by the Chechen leader several times in recent years of organising armed provocations in the

The former parliament speaker however remains popular in Chechenya.

On Tuesday Russia put troops in areas uear the Chechen border on a higher state uf alert and earlier this week cut off all air links with the republic.

Chechenya, une uf 89 "subjects" that make up the Russian Federation, unilaterally declared its independence in 1991.

#### ng rise in crime S. Africa sees alarm

JOHANNESBURG (R) — More than 50 people were murdered every day in South Africa during the first quarter of the year, which saw an alarming rise in violent crime including rape, police said Wednesday. In a country of 40 million

people which already had oue of the world's highest murder rates, the number of murders soared by nearly 650 to 4,849 during the first three months compared to the same period in 1993. Most of the killers and victims were hlack.

Police said the number of rapes, robberies and burglaries also rocketed in the countdown to the country's first all-race elections in April.

The oumber of robberies rose to 23,274 compared to 21,365 in the first quarter of 1993, and rapes rose by 1,109

While crime levels were generally lower during the April election month, police spokesman Majur Burger Van Rooyen said he expected the first quarter rise to continue through the rest uf the year as short-staffed police hattled the explosioo in

Maj. Van Rooyen offered no reason for the sharp rise. saying: "I'm no criminolog-

Lloyd Vugelman, director of the Centre for the Study of Viulence at Witwatersrand University in Johannesburg, said easy access to smuggled weapons, the low value of human life in a South Africa inured tu year uf political violence, and the dehumanising effect of apartheid in deprived hlack cummunities

were among factors. Criminals believe crime

## does pay in South Africa.

Clinton would not mind Russian troops in Karabakh

WASHINGTON (Agencies)
--- President Bill Clinton said Tuesday he would not object tu Russlao peacekeeping forces in the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh if the two sides in the conflict Armenians and Azerbai-

janis - agree to it. Mr. Clintoo spoke at the start of an Oval Office meeting with Armenian President Levon Ter-Petrosvan.

want," he said, referring to the parties to the dispute, the longest-running of any of the conflicts in the old Soviet

"If the parties agree to it, and there were clear CSCE (Conference un Security and Cooperation in Europe) safeguards so that we had the right sort of oversight in the process, and the parties agree to it, then the United States would not object," Mr. Clinton said.

Several thousand people

MIAMI, Florida (AFP) -

officer, but U.S. officials said

the killing might uot have

cepted the ship Tuesday ab-

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there was no evidence based

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bave been killed in six-and-ahalf years of fighting over Karahakb, a maiuly Armenian-populated terri-tory inside Azerbaijan. The fighting started after the regioo declared its independence from Azerbaijan in 1988 and sought unification with

Armenians are not formally involved in the war, which began while both Armenia and Azerbaijan were part of the now-defunct Soviet Union. But Yerevan provides logistic and diplomatic support to the Karabakh Armenians and allows its volunteers to fight in the rugged

Russia has offered a peace initiative in Naguruu-Karabakh involving a Russian security force to separate the warring sides. Armenia and the Karabakh Armenians have accepted the idea, but

Azerbaijan has been loathe

in without CSCE oversight. Mr. Ter-Petrosyan, seized at Mr. Clinton's right in his first visit with the U.S. president, told reporters his gov-

to invite the Russian troops

ernment wanted "the soonest establishment of peace." "I think that the most important in this issue is the establishment of peace and not who will do that," Mr.

Ter-Petrosyan said. bappy that the parties had agreed to a ceasefire and were talking directly. "What we want is to have a peace and we want to theo help rebuild Armenia, and to support the development uf the

entire area," he said. Mr. Clinton told reporters the United States would have a "very significant aid package" for Armenia this year,

but gave no details. Tu date, the U.S. has contributed \$335 millioo in

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cluding \$305 million in bumanitarian assistance and \$30 million in technical assist-Officials said the per capita

level of U.S. assistance to Armenia is the highest of all the newly independent states that emerged from the for-mer Soviet Union.

Meauwhile a leading Armeniau politician said Tuesday, a loog-delayed peace accord between Armenia and Azerbaijan over the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karahakh should be ready by the end of August.

The planned "global agree-ment" could be signed on Aug. 30, "signalling the end uf the war" uver the Armenian-majurity enclave in Azerbaijan, said the president of the Armenian Parliameut Babkeu Ararksian during a visit to the northern Russian city of Saint Peters-

## Kashmir rebels lift 'ban' on Hindu pilgrimage

SRINAGAR, India (AFP) - Kashmir's most powerful Muslim guerrilla group said Wednesday it was lifting its "ban" on Hindu pilgrimage The Hizbul Mnjahideeu said it had asked other militant organisations to drop their plans to sabotage the

The "ban" was originally imposed on July 6 by the Harkat-Ul-Ansar, another guerrilla group with many Islamic mercenaries in its ranks, to protest the presence of troops outside the Hazarbal Mosque in Srinagar.

pilgrimage to the Amarnath Cave which began Wednes-

The Indian government removed the troops from the mosque, Kashmir's holiest Islamic shrine, at the Weekend.

In a statement, the Hizbul Mujahideen said it bad decided to dissociate itself from the "ban" after an appeal from the Jamaat-e-Islami, its political wing.

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Analysts said the group's example was expected to be followed by other guerrilla

policeman when they hurled du devotees during the annual festival in Kashmir. witnesses said. Six other officers were in-

witnesses said.

tightened following the attack in the state summer capital and urban hub of an in Kashmir.

way and moved in artillery to guard Hindus determined to make the pilgrimage.
A first batch of 500 Hindus

set off Wednesday from Jammu for a secured camp in Udhampur, the first leg of

the pilgimage to the sacred caves in Amarnath in southern Kashmir, officials said in

the state's winter capital. The nervous devotees did not chant customary religious hymns as commandoes scanned their buses for bombs and booby-traps, witnesses

Ten Westerners, including two French students and a German, accompanied the Hindus saying they might visit Amarnath after a trip to Srinagar.

Officials said "foolproof" security arrangements have been made to thwart possible attacks on Hindu devotees who would travel 320 kilometres from Jammu to Amarnath.

Jammn's Chief Administrator D.R. Kundal said five

made arrangements to house and guard up to 100,000 peo-ple scheduled to visit the ice

Kashmir is the only Muslim-majority state io

Tnesday issued counterthreats, warning they would disrupt Muslim pilgrimage from India to Mecca in case Amaruath pilgrims were harmed in the Himalayan state bordering Pakistan.

minister tuld parliament people have died and bundreds of others were injured or abducted in violence-torn Kashmir in the first seven months of the year.

## U.S., Cuba offer different accounts of boat hijacking Cuba informed the U.S. government that one of its boats was hijacked by unknown assailants who killed navy

Cubans stand on the deck of the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Monhagan as crewmen dock the ship at the Key West Coast Guard Station. The

group is part of a group of 68 Cubans rescued

earlier in the Florida Straights by the Coast Guard, The Coast Guard also has intercented a Cuban vessel that was hijacked from the Cuban port of Mariel carrying at least 26

people (AFP photo)

ers left port Mouday afternoon, stopped to pick np passengers and theu headed for the United States, 90 miles (140 kilometres) away. It was the fifth hijacking of

a Cuban vessel since the July 13 sinking of a tugboat carrying more than 60 people, 30 of whom drowned.

Cuban President Fidel Castro threatened Friday to allow Cubans to flood into the United States if the U.S. government did not crack down ou illegal immigration by Cuban refugees.

Mr. Castro warned of an exodus similar in scale to the Mariel boatlift when about 128,000 Cubans, among them convicted criminals and mental patients, took to boats and fled Cnba in 1980.

Drastic food shortages and

deteriorating living conditions compounded by the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Umon, Cuba's main economie partner, have fuelled popular disconteot towards the Castro regime.

Record numbers of Cubans have fied the Carribean island this year on rafts and

The Clinton administration has prepared plans to blockade the straits separating Cnba from Florida to thwart a threatened governmentsacetiooed exodus, the Washington Post reported in Wednesday's editions.

But the White House believes that President Castro will not carry out his threat. the paper said.

The United States has received "what we take to be

assurances" from the Cuban government that an organised, guvernment-induced exodus is not being planned, a senior administration official was quoted as saying.

"We believe, and have had external indications to this effect, that something similar to (the 1980) Mariel (boatlift) is not going to bappen," the official was quoted.

But "you can assume that we would be ready to respond" if it did, the official added.

The Washingtoo Post said a U.S. government task force, formed at the end of last week, has "dusted off" contingency plans to blockade the Florida Straits to keep boats from leaving Florida and to head off boats departing Cuba.

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Muslim guerrillas killed a a greuade Wednesday at Hin-

jured in the attack in Srinagar's fortified police reception centre where 25 Hindu pilgrims were lodged since their arrival from New Delhi, Security has been further

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army battalions, six battlions of paramilitary troops and 4,000 policemen comprising 15.000 men have been deployed along the 300-kilometre (180-mile) route from Jammu to Amarnath. The army also deployed

medium artillery and battle

tanks and secured hilltops

along the route to prevent possible attacks by untlawed

Kashmiri separatists. Military helicopters would also reinforce the ground forces and the armour deployed along the route to the Amarnath caves, which Hindus believe to be the abode of Shiva, the God of destruction according to Hinduism.

Officials said they have caves from Aug. 16.

predominantly-Hindu India. Nearly 10,000 people bave been killed since Muslim militants launched their campaign for secessiou in 1989. Hindu radicals in Bombay

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By Dr. Ahmad Y. Majdoubeh

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## **Jordan Times**

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## Commission for the future

THE ROYAL commission, with whose establishment His Majesty the King entrusted His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan yesterday, is as serious and promising a step as any that can be taken by Jordan to prepare for the new era of peace. A speedy beginning to implementing the objectives outlined in the Royal letter would not only be a fitting present to the leader on the 42nd anniversary of his Accession to the Throne. It would also be the herald of a historic phase in running the affairs of the state in our new world.

It is probably too early to attempt exact definition of the scope and mechanism of the planned commission's work. It is not premature, however, to describe its stated aims as crucial ingredients for building post-peace modern Jordan.

Take, in this context, the need to prepare the country for receiving foreign investors and their investments, whether on the private or public sector levels, in terms of law or bureaucratic applications, and the inevitable conclusion would be: There is much that can and should be done to meet the target. Putting the right person in the right place, on the other hand, and stamping out corruption and graft, are essential for our development and progress, whether in attracting foreign investments or increasing our people's own confidence in themselves and their system of government.

But above all, it is the new "environment" that His Majesty stressed in his letter, in which a national collective sense would be created to activate and widen the circle of participation and excellence in the whole national effort, that should set our sights on what is truely required.

"In this context and emanating from my concern that our smooth transition towards the new phase is not in anyway obstructed, and knowing that to enter such a phase would require us to have fulfilled the imperatives of democratisation based on adherence to the Constitution, the National Charter and law, that I entrust you with assuming the responsibility for carrying out the preparations for such a drive," the King wrote to the Crown Prince, leaving nobody in any doubt about the parameters that will have to govern the country's fresh move towards readying itself for the future.

Prince with forming and heading the commission, His Majesty was signalling not only his seriousness about the work that lies ahead and needs to be done as we proceed towards a new era in the modern history of Jordan and the region as a whole. The King was also sending a clear and loud message to our people. It is that the time has come finally to abandon the quest for survival in favour of fighting the battle of modernisation and progress. This will be done, it is well understood, by respecting the rules of democracy, transparency and the law. And the new march will be pursuical with determination and vigour, as indeed it should be done.

#### **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

COMMENTING ON the resumption of Jordanian-Israeli talks at Wadi Araba and the Dead Sea, Al Dustour daily said that the talks constitute another constructive step nwards the implementation of the Washington declaration. The declaration has provided a framework for the two sides to work out formulas for ensuring the success of the peace process, said the daily. Had it not been for the courageous stand of His Majesty King Hussein and the wise steps he had taken to pave the ground for peace, nothing could have been achieved, said the paper. Most important, the paper said, the King's wise leadership enjoys the support of all the Jordanian people who are keen on backing their leader's steps and his bold moves towards regaining the nation's usurped rights. As we witness the enthusiastic welcome of the King's steps as has been displayed by the various public sectors, our-self confidence is enhanced and our aspirations for a better future increase. said the paper. The talks at Wadi Araba and the Dead Sea. the paper added, can be seen as steps towards implementing the Washington declaration last month and inevitable stages leading towards a just peace.

A COLUMNIST in Al Dustour daily Wednesday criticised Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's attitudes with regard to the Palestine National Authority. Mr. Rabin has been claiming that delay in withdrawing Israeb forces from the West Bank was caused by the delay in arranging for inunicipal councils elections, said Mohammad Kawash. But Mr. Rabin bas failed to note the difficulties hampering the elections created by the Israeli authorities. How can the Palestine National Authority prepare for elections under the Israeli rule where no freedom of movement is granted to the local population? asked the writer.

The View From Academia

# Higher education, prestige and social chaos

IN OUR society, like in many others, education is viewed as a means to various ends, some noble and admirable and some not. Different people seek education for different purposes: Some for moral or intellectual development, some for knowledge, some for a fulfilling career, some for a well-paying job, some for a better social status and some for prestige. The latter purpose, which is the least noble and admirable, is unfortunately quite widespread in our part of the world at present, especially with respect to higher education.

Look, for example, at the social sections in our Arabic daily newspapers, particularly the congratulatory notes and sages people exchange on the occasions of students passing majors exams (such as the tawjihi, the comprehensive at the end of two years of community-college education, etc.) or graduation from the university. What function do such notes and messages serve? It is a way of telling your kid, brother/sister, friend, or neighbour that you really care and that you are happy for his or her success - i.e. is it merely an expression of feelings of love and support for the concerned person? Maybe. But could not such feelings be better conveyed face-to-face or privately? Does the whole world have to know about my feelings for my kid, brother/sister, friend or neighbour? Or are these notes and messages a way perhaps, in these times of high unemployment figures, of telling the employers that the person you are congratulating is now available and ready for a glorious career? I doubt it, for very few employers bother to look at these pages, and employment is better sought through more appropriate and effective channels.

It seems to me that the real motive behind the publication of such notes and messages, whether the act is done consciously or unwittingly, is pure show off. People do it, and therefore we have to do it. My neighbour congratulated his son; I have to congratulate my son. It is a decadent social habit, like so many decadent social habits with which we have been recently cursed. We publicise our test results and certificates because in our society it is prestigious to pass tests and acquire certificates.

Notice in particular the last sentence at the end of each note or message, a sentence which has become both a cliché and a must: "Wa "Ukbal Al-Doctourah." Translated roughly, the sentence reads something like, "May you obtain a

PhD" or, "Wishing you a PhD." You wish someone a merry Christmas, good health, happiness, recovery from illness, success, etc. But a PhD? The way I understand it, a PhD. is simply a specialised degree in a very narrow sphere of learning, allowing a certain person to know more about an area within a field more than other people. Inherently, a doctorate does not make its holder morally better, intellectually better or financially better than others. For the most important works in society, one does not need a PhD. Why then this fascination, this obsession with it? Why do we wish it to every graduate? Quite simply, it is because people think it is fashionable and prestigious — like wearing a suit from Van Gils, like driving a Mercedes 500, or like holding a wedding at the Inter. Continental Hotel.

I saw a former student of mine the other day. He was extremely upset because he was not admitted to the graduate programme at Jordan University. When I asked him about what specific programme he wished to join, he said: "Anything. It does not matter." When I tried to calm him down and reason with him a little, saying maybe he would be accepted next year, he answered: "How long am I going to wait? I feel terrible. All of my friends have been accepted; some have already graduated with a masters or a PhD." These two answers, which during my 10 years of close encounter with higher education I have heard hundreds of times, are indicative of the kind of attitude or motive people in our society hold with regard to higher education.

I am all for personal freedom, and I am all for freedom of choice. Individuals have the right to pursue any activity or specialty they feel comfortable with or see fit. No one has the right to slight or make fun of their choices. We are all the product of our own mode of thinking and our own sense of what is appropriate and what is not. We should therefore wear Van Gils, drive a Mercedes 500, or hold a wedding at the Inter. Continental, if this is what we really want. In education, we are entitled to pursue any higher degree in any realm of learning, no matter how whimsical or nonsensical such realm may at first seem, if we so feel.

such realm may at first seem, if we so feel.

But the "if" is crucial here. What I am against is the arbitrariness, haphazardness or mindlessness of choices. In my opinion, there is a big difference between conscious choices (i.e. knowing precisely what we want and why we want something) and impulsive or imitative behaviour. As

evident from the two responses of the student above, which are representative of what comfortable majority in our society thinks of higher education, most decisions about higher education on part of individuals in our part of the world are impulsive and imitative. We are not sure about what we want ("anything"), and we are letting our decisions be influenced almost entirely by the choices others make ("my friends have all been accepted").

This is a problem. I agree with Ralph Waldo Emerson "Imitation is suicide." Two negative consequences of our arbitrary decisions about higher education need to be asserted here. A) If we follow in the steps of our elders and peers blindly, what about our own ability and our own talent? Should not we choose a sphere or area we are qualified to compete and excel in? No wonder there is so much mediocrity of performance in our society and so much waste of talent. B) Where is the element of planning? How far are the choices made by people in our society, in their hot pursuit of higher education, actually affected by our plans? We have more engineers than we know what to do with, so many graduates of journalism, psychology, political science, Arabic literature, etc. By contrast, we bave very few truly qualified mechanics, technicians, carpenters, teachers who can teach, civil servants who can serve, etc. In a word, our parents and our educators have generally failed to help us discover our talent and to direct our ability and potential. The result is disorder and confusion in the minds of the many students majoring in specialities they happen to have chosen and in the daily life of the social institutions they will soon join or they have already joined.

Absolute freedom is absolute chaos. Our educational institutions (the Ministry of Education, the Higher Education Council, the schools, and the universities) have to come up with a mechanism thereby they provide help for students, enabling them as early as possible to detect their talents and to offer them some more tangible guidelines as to the spheres or disciplines which they and their society truly value. Choices about higher education have to be made on the basis of the following three criteria, collectively: 1) What one really likes or wants, 2) What one is good at, and 3) What society needs and wants.

It is time for us, individuals and institutions alike, to take our decisions a little more seriously and rationally.

# The claims about 'Asian' values don't bear scrutiny

By Philip Bowring

HONG KONG — Singapore (population 2.8 million) has some of the world's harshest laws against smoking and other "anti-social" activities such as chewing gum. In Indonesia (population 180 million), it was recently claimed that culture factors would make it very hard to enforce any anti-smoking measures.

Muhammad Budyatna of the University of Indonesia said the local culture expected people to be accommodative and indirect, "to display empathy, to understand what others want or do not want." Most Eastern cultures were the same, he said, and offered a contrast to Western norms.

Over in Singapore, barely a day passes without a minister proclaiming the superiority of "Asian values" over those of the decadent West. Reference is often made to discipline and the commitment to group social values, the rights of the community over those of the individual.

These plus a commitment

to family cohesion, education and saving are said to explain the social and economic progress made by Asia in the last 30 years. The lack or decay of such attributes in the West is seen as the cause of drugtaking, pornography, divorce and violent crime, these ills in turn contacts acceptated by a permissive attitude to law enforce-

But while some ills in the West are plain enough, are they Western? Do the "Asian values" exist, and are they reflected better by the Singaporean or the Indonesian smoking anec-

Ir is certainly hard tu quarrel with the role that education has played in Asian development. Particularly in East Asia and among those people who have combined a Confucian heritage of belief in the dignity of learning with a non-Confucian belief in social mobility, learning directed to practical ends—

in particular, engineering

has been the sine qua
non. The desire to be top of
the class has been a powerful stinulus to excellence at
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Yet it would be pushing

the argument too hard to say that belief in educational excellence is so much stronger even in Taiwan than in Germany, or that its role in social mobility is so much greater in Japan than in the United States. Among the best of East and West, motivation and expectations may not be the same, but the value put on education may not be so different.

As for motivation seen in the likes of South Korea and Hong Kong, it may have as much to do with threat in one case and migrant mentality in the other.

In other parts of Asia the

picture is very mixed. The Philippines may have little in the way of excellence, but it does have a worthy achievement in basic literacy. Likewise Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand. In fact, they have much better records than China, despite its aeons of Confucian civilisation. Once ideology took precedence over learning. Now it is money grabbing.

bing.
As for India or Pakistan, they make Africa look like a centre of literacy achievement. Pakistan is neck and neck with Mozambique (65 per cent illiterate) at the bottom of the scale; India vies with Rwanda (50 per cent), and China with Zambia and Kenya (27 per cent). China and India, of course, both have islands of excellence. But commitment to education other than of a few?

What then of social cohesion and group rather than individual values? Can one find Asian common denominators and compare them with the West?

The social strengths and weaknesses of Norway are a world apart from Spain or the United States, which is regarded in Asia as the Western norm although in fact it represents the best and worst of the West.

Crime rates and safety in cities give very erratic readings east and west. Japan's order and self-discipline grow out of the social fabric rather than being imposed from above. But disciplined and dynamic South Korea has as much crime as an average big city in Europe. Dynamic, homogeneous Thailand is a byword for often violent lawlessness. China becomes more so by

In impoverished Indian cities the problem is disorganisation and mayhem, not violent crime. Despite the diversity and lack of discipline, social cohesion exists most of the time.

What then of the theory that Asia is group-rather than individual-oriented, and thus more inclined to put group interests before selfish ones?

It is easy to make for this in Japan and South Korea, where loyalties tend to transcend family as well as individual. Postwar, Americanised Japan has known frequent changes of leader within a stable ststem. In Indonesia (two presidents in 45 years), the leader is on a pedestal, but. as in Japan, the notion of consensus runs deep. Even the late, megalomanic President Sukamo had to admit: "I have made myself the meeting place of all trends and ideologies."
In the Chinese case, his-

tory almost seems to consist of a battle between the corporatist needs of the state and the interets of the families who operate it. Dynasnc politics is evident in "Communist" China already, as in Singapore despite official commitments to bureaucratic meritocracy. Similarly with the Kuomintang inheritance in Taiwan, which won out unnl 1987, when lack of candidates and the pressure of opinion ended the Sun Yatsen and Chiang Kai-shek

Rulers who come to power in this manner can be
effective in the same way as
genuine monarchs, placing
the common interests of
state and society above sectional ones. But in much of

dynamic Asia, claims to ethical superiority over the tawdry vote-buying implicit in democratic politics — claims that leaders pnt group interests before personal ones, or national ones over individuals' rights — are questionable.

In China, Indonesia and

Malaysia, just as previously in the Philippines, grant of monopolies to family and friends and "legal" purloining by well-placed individuals of assets owned by the government or in trust for certain groups bave become so common-place as to be scarcely worthy of attention, even when the losers are listed companies.

This wealth distribution may have all kinds of useful functions in creating capitalist classes (albeit rentier ones) where none existed before. It may be a sign of a dynamic and mobile economy, just as England was probably never more corrupt than during the 18th-century flowering of commerce, empire and intellect. But it is not the sort of behaviour that warrants a claim to "values."

East Asia has both some of the best (in Japan and South Korea) and some of the most venal hureaucracies. There are lessons for other countries in the constructive but wary relationship between hureaucracy and business. On the other hand, the relative decline of the quality and influence of the Thai bureaucracy sbows how money can overwhelm institutions. Is that dynamism or social decay?

It is one of the paradoxes of the "Asian values" talk that the economic achievements of the region have in fact been accompanied by — or even caused by — breakdown of old social strictures and values systems under the impact of foreign influence, but it overseas Chinese entrepreneurship, mass media or McDonalds.

Those who see straitlaced Singapore as the epitome of "Asian values" may not have stayed in anything less than a five star hotel in Japan; in most other hotels,

porno movies are on tap. Or may not have wondered why the most dynamic areas of Asia, which at present include the cities of Guangdong, to give just one of many examples, exhibit levels of prostitution far ahead of anything in Europe, and drug problems that are serious even in countries with draconian penalties for possession.

In many countries, explicit sex many be kept off movie screens, but mainstream print media in countries like Malaysia are more direct about sex than their U.S. counterparts were until very recently.

The family has so far

til very recently.

The family has so far survived as the linchpin of society throughout the continent. It is a reasonable generalisation that family solidarity Asia is much stronger than the average for the West.

The relatively low incidence of divorce and singleparent families may not reflect superior sexual morality, but it does have important consequences for social stability and for limiting welfare demands on the state. Indeed, the strength of the family is sometimes at the expense of the interests of the state, which is often viewed - especially in China — with suspicion. to be avoided if it cannot be exploited.
The emphasis on family

or group obligations over individual rights is real enough in Singapore or South Korea, but it is a bollow claim in places where money-making is praised above all thought of the social or environmental impact on the nation or the family needs of workers. The welfarism of Scandinavia, so derided in much of Asia, might be a better exemplar of the primacy of the perceived needs of society over the rights of the individual than much of Asia can offer.

With industrialisation relatively new to most of Asia, the longer-range social consequences have yet to show themselves. These countries have yet to confront the problems of an aging population, which will hit more suddenly than they did in Europe. Meanwhile, there is an unstoppable trend to unit-

ary families wherever there

is enough money for each

generation to be housed separately. Will family commitment in. say. Taiwan, prove much more effective than in Italy in protecting the old?

East Asia bas the opportunity to learn from the mistakes of older industrial-

ised societies, but how much is yet to be seen. As for politics, it is as absurd to say that modern concepts of electoral democracy are un-Asian as to say that fascism is un-Euro-

pean.
There is no single model in politics, any more than there is in economics. Those in power naturally believe that the system which keeps them there is

the best. In many countries in Asia there has been and remains great pressure to enlarge the system of representation, although the means may vary and common denominators may be few. That explains perhaps wby within Asia, even among those regarded in the West as most liberal and democratic, there is resentment at Western criticisms of their neighbours. Hence Thailand's attitude towards Western buman rights pressure on Burma and South Korea's towards that on China.

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It is not hard to see why any country would resent having its system, however inadequate, criticised by American congressmen or commentators. The words "Asian.

It may be possible to identify a few values more prevalent in parts of Asia than in the West. And vice versa. The same applies to vices. But the simplisitic labels "Western" and "Asian" usually obscure the specifics of each country and situation, enabling all sides to substitute moralising for morality and propaganda for principles.

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# Korea nuclear deal possible, if the price is right

By Philippe Naughton Renter

GENEVA — An agreement between North Korea and the Umited States ending the nuclear stand-off in East Asia could finally be on the cards, but Pyongyang's price for such a deal has still to be negotiated.

Bilateral talks in Geneva took a significant step forward late on Monday when North Korea offered to freeze the construction of its graphite nuclear reactors and switch to a system less capable of producing nuclear weapons material.

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North Korean Deputy Foreign Minister Kang Sok-Ju said he had also proposed ways of handling some 8,000 spent uranium fuel rods to "ease the concerns of the international community."

Experts say the rods could provide weapon grade plutonium if they are reprocessed by the North Koreans themselves.

Only a month after the death of North Korea's "great leader" Kim Ilwasung, the North Korean proposals could signal a new approach from the world's last Stalinist state.

But the details of the

proposals are still not clear and any eventual deal could prove very costly, diplomats said.

Announcing North

Korea's readiness to replace the graphite reactor, Mr. Kang said the north was only willing to switch technologies if we are given the more expensive lightwater system in return. Kang also said North

Kang also said North Korea would need "proper and appropriate compensation" for freezing the construction of other graphite reactors it is building, a demand he said was "most reasonable."

Assistant U.S. Secretary

heading the U.S. delegation, said the North Korean proposals were certainly worthy of consideration. He spoke for the first time of progress, but gave no details on Mr. Kang's proposals.

of State Robert Gallucci,

Diplomats say the two most contentious questions remaining are firstly from where any light-water reactor would come and then who would pay for it.

For political and technical reasons, Pyongyang is said to be resisting a South Korean offer to provide the technology and is in-

stead pressing for a lightwater reactor from Russia.
On a recent visit to Moscow, Mr. Gallucci discussed with Russian officials the possibility of Moscow's

help.

But with light-water systems costing several billion dollars, both South Korea and Japan are reluctant to bankroll the purchase of a Russian reactor.

At a previous round of Geneva talks in July 1953, North Korea agreed in principle to switch with U.S. belp from grapbite-moderated to light-water reactors.

Those talks collapsed, however, and tensions rose steadily on the Korean Peninsula as Pyongyang argued with the International Atomic Energy Agency over the Viennabased Watchdog's rights to inspect its nuclear facilities.

In June, when Pyongyang removed the spent uranium fuel rods from an experimental graphite reactor at Pyongyang, the row escalated and almost brought U.N. sanctions on North Korea, before a mediation visit by former U.S. president Jimmy Carter brought both sides back to the negotiating table



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# Looking forward to 14th Jerash Festival

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By Mohammad Mashariqah

our part of the It was late evening at the Jerash South Theatre. The members of the Old Socks theatre group who came from England to perform the Shakespeare's "The need to be Tempest" at the Jerash Festival were flickering around on the stage trying to fix their set according to design. One of the managers asked a Jerash administrator to and our own area we are there is so bring instantly an engineer and designer to realise the ship construction. While they were discussing possibilities, one of the carpenters approached them and at both men's surprise stated in broken English that the ship will be finalised by dawn.

"Are you an engineer?" asked the Englishman.
"No. sir, I am a carpenter," answered the carpenter. "How can you understand what he wants?" the Jerash administrator asked him in Arabic.

What do you think, 13 years with the Jerash Festival gave me more experience than any newly graduated engineer could get from his books," the carpenter answered in a bedouin accent.

The next day the ship was handed to the English group and \$25,000 was saved for the shipment of the original one. It made me think, how could the Jerash Festival's services be improved and greater help offered to the experienced cadre to perform their jobs with less pressure and higher efficiency?

The Jerash Festival's organisational team does big

amount of details and follow ups which sometimes decreases their availability for developing new systems in work and quicker response to the upcoming

For this reason I believe that the Jerash Festival needs a larger organisational team with more sophisticated preliminary programme and much earlier termination deadlines for the preparatory phase. At least three months should be given for the realisation of the contractors' requirements, starting from accommoda-tions, art and technical demands and promotion. To make the organisational aspect of the festival more efficient and successful, the realisation programme should be submitted to the contractors and local

#### AMMAN CULTURAL PULSE

parties involved in technical and organisational issues a month before the scheduled date of the Jerash Festival's opening, and it should comprise accurate dates and places of rehearsals, technical personnel in charge with their telephone numbers and their availability time.

As far as the promotional aspect is concerned, the festival should re-study its advertising policy, compromising between the modern means of the promotional communication and the local potentials for its application. The Jordanian experts in the field of art,



George Wassouf — the ken that laid the

information, psychology and tourism should be recruited and new strategy should be implemented in propagating the festival along with the Jordanian economy and tourism.

New advertising policy should be competent enough to secure financial backing for the festival. The local companies should be informed and approached in time before assigning their annual advertising budgets. through a well-publicised campaign. In addition to the posters, brochures and other printed materials, more promotional space should be given within the archaeological site, where the companies could display their goods or announce them on specially designed electronic boards. The possibilities of marketing the festival at the international broadcasting marke: is yet another field of further exploration. Regarding aspects of the modern advertising policy, the festival would secure the financial stability and acquire its aspirations for selecting high standards for art and other events on the programme. Better financial balance also means accomplishing the international and local cultural role and improving its significance in breeding a creative art movement in the area. Hence, this year, the Jerash Festival made a historic breakthrough by establishing the Gerasia Creativity Forum, which was designed to be a launch pad for genuine art experiments at home in the field of theatre, music, dance, painting, poetry and



other fields of the performing arts. For the first time, the Jerash Festival partially financed the productions. The result was a rich variety of original artwork, capable of competing on Arab and international levels. The productions of Mr. Turiffi, Mr. Horani, Mrs. Masharga in the field of experimental theatre, music recital by Yousset Khashou, Walced Hashim, Faculty X.Sahar Hattar, Abedo brothers and other outstanding experiments made by the painter Admin Sharif and many musicians who accompanied poetry recitals on their instruments, is yet another encouragement to the festival to keep up this positive role in enhancing the local art movement. If the festival doesn't adhere to such policy, it will gradually evolve into an alies element in the society. That would be the real flasce.

At the end we come to the conclusion that the Jerasy Festival deserves much greater concern of all sectors of society. It needs more efforts and deeper responsibility for maintaining and developing its cultural, historical. national and international role.



A member of the Spanish group performs at the Artemis Steps during the Jerash Festival

A scene from William Shakespeare's The Tempest

# AI AI Bayt University — a highly refined institute devoted to the Ummah

By lan Atalla

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - It is sadly ironic that of all the world's great religions, Islam is the one, perhaps, which stresses most in its teachings the unity of mankind through God. For as the 20th century draws to a close, Islam is endangered as never before by sectarian strife

The youngest of the three Abrahamic faiths finds itself beset on all sides and rocked at its very base by both external and internal threats. Violent conflicts in Palestine, Bosnia and Kashmir with members of other faiths, Sunni-Shiite strife in several nations, and bitter feuding for authority over the state between Muslim fundamentalists and secularists are but a few of the faces of this profound crisis.

It is into this world that one of His Majesty King Hussein's most ambitious brainchildren. Al Al Bayt University, will enter when it opens its doors to students for the first time on Oct. 1 of this year.

When King Hussein first publicly spoke of his vision for this new Islamic school almost two years ago, his rhetoric was bolo and at times outspoken. He called for the creation of Al Al Bayt University as an international forum where professors and students from throughout the Islamic World would gather, and attempt through their studies and research to forge a new harmony out of the diverse and often conflicting threads of native traditions and foreign influences which have impacted the Muslim Ummah, from the ancient times of its founding until the modern age of today. They would do so, the King said, "within an atmosphere of complete freedom of speech."

"Islam does not hide secret objectives used as camouflage to bring in political ideology or to achieve gains at the individual or factional levels," the King said at the time, in an obvious criticism of the many religious factions which vie for political leadership throughout the Ummah.

At the very beginning of the disasters and setbacks which have eaten away at the fabric of the Ummah over the last few centuries, including the decay of the Ottoman Empire and the unstoppable advance of European colonialism, "Muslim thinkers inevitably came to realise that something had gone wrong for the Muslim people," Dr. Mohammad Al Bakhit, the man chosen by King Hussein and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan to be the president of Al Al Bayt University, told the Jordan Times. "Muslims came to feel very deeply that they were no

longer the masters of their own destiny. The result, he explained, was the evolution of two major Islamic movements - both of them an attempt to cope with the same set of threatening circumstances,

but each radically opposed to the other in its direction. The most visible and powerful movement was the

call for a return to a "purified Islam," purged of foreign and industrial age influences, which were seen by its advocates as irrevocably contradictory to Islam and its teachings, Dr. Bakhit said.

This movement saw its first major success with the Wahabi preachers, who played a vital role in the founding of Saudi Arabia, perhaps the world's most ultra-religious state. The movement has now exploded into worldwide prominence with the rise of Muslim fundamentalism throughout the Islamic World over the last two decades.

However, it is the second and much smaller movement of thought which Dr. Bakhit and his colleagues in the Royal Commission in charge of founding and watching over Al Al Bayt University hope to nourish

This second movement, shared between a limited few of Islam's scholars and thinkers over the last two centuries, calls for a return to the ancient principle of "Bab Al Ijtihad." This principle, which has lain dormant in mainstream Sunni Islam for over a thousand years, holds that the teachings of Islam should be kept open to Muslim scholars and thinkers on an enduring basis for reevaluation and interpretation, in order to maintain a critical balance between Islam's original gospels and the unceasing impact of historic and social changes which exert their effects on the Ummah with the progression of time.

"We want to pick up the threads of this movement, but with more strength and broader vision than have been used before," said Dr. Bakhit. "With the communications revolution invading every bit of this planet, no one can pretend that he can isolate himself from the rest of the world."

To reopen the door of Ijtihad, Dr. Bakhit and his colleagues hope to gather together on the university's campus an international group from among the best and brightest of the Ummah's scholars "to think deeply, in a very careful and intelligent manner, and give their opinions on the subjects which are presented

Although the university will aim to draw together Muslim students from all of the nations of the Ummah. Dr. Bakhit said, he stated emphatically that the primary language of research and instruction at Al Al Bayt University will be Arabic.

"The people of the Ummah need solutions to the endless problems facing them," he said. And as Arabic is the original language of the Koran, "giving the answers to those problems in Arabic will give them a sense of closeness and understanding towards those

In addition to seeking to heal the many rifts which

have fragmented the Ummah through a return to Bab Al Ijtihad, the university's directors hope to play a part in narrowing the huge gap of misunderstanding and mistrust which has prevailed between Muslims and members of other faiths across the centuries, particu-

larly between the Ummah and the Western World. Islam is a noble culture, and it is high time that the many stereotypes and phobias against Islam are dropped," Dr. Bakhit said. "We are in the process of developing a global community," which means that the establishment of mutual trust between all faiths is needed. He added that both Muslims and those on other sides of the religious fence are equally responsible for the success or the failure of the undertaking.

As a part of its endeavours to bridge this gap, Ai Ai Bayt University will be accepting a limited number of non-Muslim students into its programme to study Islamic history and sociology, and will also maintain a close affiliation with a new institute for cross-religious studies which has been established in cooperation with the Vatican - the Royal Institute for the Study of Religions

That Al Al Bayt University is an ambition which is beyond price to the Hashemite family, there can be no doubt. For the Royal Commission which will steer the new university is personally chaired by Prince Hassan. and in addition, the legal charter of the new school explicitly separates it from any accountability towards either the Ministry of Education or the Ministry of Higher Education.

But what sort of reception the international school may receive from the many Islamic conservatives and fundamentalists who play such a strong role in shaping Islamic thought today remains to be seen - fundamentalists have long been opposed to the principle of Bab Al Iitihad, which they see as a questioning of the unquestionable — the core principles of Islam as spelled out in the Koran and its other holy beeks.

As well, King Hussein's strongly worded speech two years ago seemed to indicate that what will ultimately be produced from the research and studies of Al Al Bayt University is by no means expected to please everyone in the Islamic World.

For his part, Dr. Bakhit downplayed predictions that Al Al Bayt University might stir controversy in the Ummah: "We are not siming to oppose any particular faction, and we have no intention to inculge ourselves in politics — we are a highly refined institute, devoted to the Ummah."

However, the new university's president could not help but reveal by the manner of his speech that he is a man with a dedication to a cause: "We believe that knowledge is power, and we ask all people to join ranks with us to fight ignorance and fanaticism." he said, with an unmistakeable resolve in his voice.

# Gates of hell open, ghosts in high spirits

The Associated Press

SINGAPORE - Nobody seems overly worried, but people in Singapore believe that the gates of hell opened Sunday.

Chinese tradition holds that the gates stay open ouring the seventh lunar month — Aug. 7 to Sept. 5 in the Western calendar this year - when the spirits of the dead are free to roam among the living. Restless spooks with liv-

ing relatives are said to visit their homes to share the comforts there. But the ghosts of those who died without descendants, or who were ignored by their kin while alive, may wander the streets, hungry and envious.

Unless appeased with tood and entertainment before they return, these wayward spirits might cause mischief.

Open-air puppet shows, Chinese operas and pop concerts are staged for the dead and their descen-

also burn "hell money," mock currency issued by the Bank of Hell, to enenough cash.

with make-believe passports known as "permits weekly lottery. for the souls."

Public feasts are arranged and the hungry

By Kenneth L. Whiting consumed by the living guests.

> Candles and incense sticks burn throughout this city-state, where 76 per cent of the three million people are Chinese.

> Not a formal holiday, the festival of the hungry ghosts was celebrated in Singapore as early as 1836, according to the Federation of Chinese Clan Associations.

Nowadays, the Tourist Promotion Board touts it as an attraction for visi-

The origin of the festival is obscure, but ancestor worship has always been a apart of Chinese culture. One legend credits the

festival to Emperor Wu of the Lisang Dynasty (A.D. 502-5771 who, in a dream. was told to organise rites to venerate the dead.

A more ancedotal version says it originated with a double suicide similar to Romeo and Juliet, and the annual feasts are thrown in their honour.

In exchange for the Ancestor-worshippers annual welcome, the ghosts are expected to reciprocate by helping those stili on Earth, Worshipsure the ghosts have pers often seek the blessings of their ancestors in Some provide the spirits picking winning combinations of numbers in the

One Singaporean calls is "a month for being jit tery." when believers ghosts are invited to par- avoid going out at nigh take. Chicken, pork, rice and forbid their children and fruit are the staples. from some everyday acti The food and drink is later vities like swimming:

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# Recreating the wheel

By Jean-Claude Elias

Ever since the personal computer (PC) concept was introduced in the early eighties, analysts and software designers realised that the users were going to look for ready-made, easy to learn, easy to use programmes.

By the middle of the decade, the main targets were well-defined: Word processing, electronic spread-sheets and databases. Even today, these three groups constitute the bulk of the software Mr. Everybody

It took until the end of the decade, circa 1990, for other, more specialised applications to be wellimplemented as ready-made products. These included programmes like CAD (Computer Aided Design),

Graphic tools and more particularly Accounting.
While PC users seem to have easily accepted most of the available ready-made programmes, also called packages, they are still reluctant to trust the ones that allow them to handle their accounts, preferring to bave experts develop tailor-made software for them. This attitude is more perceptible in the Middle East than in Europe or the United States for instance.

The advantages of ready-made software versus tailor-made are well-known and was made the subject of this very column a few weeks ago: Immediately available, less costly, well tested, etc.

Why is it then that the average user in the Middle East likes Excel, Lotus, Word, WordPerfect, dBASE, FoxBase, Autocad, Corel Draw, but reluctantly accepts DacEasy, Sage, Pacioli or Peachtree (four well known Accounting systems)?

Based on information gathered in Jordan over more than ten years, taking into consideration only small to middle size private companies or business (banks excluded), I estimate that only 20 per cent of them use ready-made Accounting systems while the remaining 80 per cent opt for painful, long, risky, expensive software development.

When it comes to letting computers bandle your money, you only trust what you have personally designed and developed. This attitude, this fear rather,

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partly understandable, is but a reflection of very conservative, old fashioned ideas.

Standard Accounting packages are perfectly tested. They also cover most cases and can be perfectly tailored by the user or the operator to suit bis taste or needs. They were designed by people who are experts in software and accounting and therefore give you the very best in the field.

However, being able to manipulate such programmes requires a little effort and preparation at the beginning. This is what usually frightens most people. A good understanding of the accounting principles and the structure of a chart of accounts is essential. Many managers, unfortunately, do not have, or at least do not master these notions.

Another reason why this phenomenon is more obvious in our area is that most packages here are pirated copies, sold or distributed without the original documentation that comes with the legal, original product. Without such documentation the user has little or no possibility to properly learn how to use the

When one looks at the price of original Accounting systems, one wonders how do people still turn to tailor-made development. From simplest to most sophisticated, ready-made packages are available at prices ranging from \$80 to \$400.

With such little cost to bear for excellent software, is

it still worth recreating the wheel?

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

By Mohammad A. Shuqair

#### BELIEVE IT OR NOT

- In 1890, a cow called Mollie, from Ohio, USA began giving black milk. The phenomenon had the scientists of the day baffled. But the milk tasted very good as did the butter made from it, although it did look like a slab of coal tar.

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- George Washington (1732-1799), the first U.S. president, was also its first millionaire. He died in the last hour of the day, the last day of the week, of the last month of the year of the last year of the century.

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 The sport is thought to have originated in Egypt when children used large stones set up as pins and used small stones a

- Only half an hour after he is born a mountain yout can stand quite firmly and indeed will most probably try to climb up the nearest hill.

- The American, Thomas Stevens, was the first person to ride around the world on a bicycle. It took uim three years to complete the trip.

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- Many people would think that farming is the oldest industry - in fact, the oldest industry is the roduction of chopping tools and axes, known as 'flint knapping' which started about 1,750,000 years

### LET'S CHAT IN ARABIC

- Where's the Royal Jordanian Airlines office, lease?

yna maktab al-khotoot al-jaw'wiya Al-Malakiya Al Ordoniya, min fadlik?

— I'd like to book two seats on Monday's plane to gaba

keed an ahjiz mak'adayn ala taa'iret youm el-ethnain elal-Aqaba.

- Is there a flight to Egypt on Thursday?

Let housks reblit tayaran els Misr youm el-Khamis? - Is there a coach from the town to the airport? 'al toojad arabet hautour minal-madina elel-mater? - When must I check in?

Matat yajib tasjeel jawaz as-safar? — I'd like to change my reservation.

Oreed tag'yeer el-hajz. - I'd like to postpone my flight for reasons yond my control.

reed ta'jeel ar'rihla le'asbab kharija an Iradati. - Am I allowed to take my little dog with me on e plane?

vi Yosmah lee be'an aakhodh ma'ie kalbi as'saghir alat'ta'ira?

#### TIME FOR FUN

A French villager once went to a city. While aming, he heard shouting and singing. He realised vas a wedding. Asking about the bridegroom, one the guests answered: "Je ne sais pas" meaning I n't know.

On the other day as he was walking along the set, he saw a funeral and asked about the dead

man. In answer to his question a passer-by replied: "Je ne sais pas." Then he said to himself: "Poor this 'je ne sais pas', he married yesterday and has died

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A simpleton once visited a town for the first time. He was attacked by its dogs which were going to bite him. He tried to pick up a stone with which he might have kept the fierce dogs away, but it was too difficult for him to do so. Then he said: Cursed be those townsfolk who let loose their dogs and fasten

#### \* \* \* BANK OF KNOWLEDGE

1. What is an artesian well and why so called? 2. What is the difference between a KEPI and an OKAPI?

3. What is the origin of the symbol (?) for question mark?

4. What is the name for a native of:

Liverpool B. Newcastle

Moscow D. Manchester

E. Glasgow

F. Texas

5. What fruit is not eaten until it is rotten?

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### YOUR CHARACTER IN FOCUS

Born on June 3

 Has independent views about religion. - Positive and determined in his ideas and rather

obstinate in carrying out his plans.

— Confident of his ability. - Self-reliant and takes his own decision.

- Has the habit of talking loudly.

Fond of show and likes to observe form, order and law.

 Jovial in spirit and cordial in manner. - His passions are healthy, spontaneous and without inhibitions.

 Devoutly religious and bas true dignity. - Has tremendous enthusiasm and is not self-

 Takes an active interest in sports and outdoor activities. - His intellect is of a very high order. Broadminded, tolerant, humourous and truth-

Open-hearted with good understanding.

## **PUZZLES**

(A) Make one new word from the two words in each line rearranging and using all the letters. 1. ale + bun

2. tag + amen

3. tan + scion

4. money + spud

5. riot + dunce

(B). Insert the word that completes the first word and starts the second:

CLUE: SPIN S (...) E

## Somebody to lean on

By E. Yaghi

Haitham is a legally blind student at a public institution of higher learning in Amman. Several days ago, the following incident happened to him. As he sat at his desk, the professor entered and announced to the class: "We will go directly to the technical building to see a film concerning the subject we are studying."

Students usually thrill at deviating from the norm

and also enjoy a break in routine, so almost as one, the group flooded out of the large lecture room and made its way towards entertainment. However, no one remembered Haitham, who may know his way around familiar classrooms in one area, but appeared confused and lost in any effort to make his way towards the technical building. The flood had soon gone on ahead of him leaving him nearly turned round about as passing students had quickly formed themselves into twos and threes intent on reaching their destination as fast as possible in order to reserve a front seat. Poor Haitham stood alone on the steps of the white building which housed bis lectures with an expression of abandonment on his face. He groped down the steps and just about lost his footing as some students passing by either ignored bim or sneered at bim because of a weakness that he was not responsible for. Though the youth's built is smallish and thin, at first glance, it is difficult to discern that he is legally blind, but anyone would notice that there is something either physically or mentally deficient about him, regardless of the fact that there is no sign that bis eyesight is very weak. He is a meek, mild and polite young man who pays attention to the lectures and tends to become annoyed at the immature antics of some of his fellow colleagues. He is cordial and trusting like a child and certainly did not deserve to be abandoned on the steps all alone without a helping hand or someone to lean on.

He stumbled down the stairs nearly falling and his

legs twisted around themselves until he untied them with some effort swerving in a crooked path, still groping for a way to reach the technical building in one piece. He cut across a street where students swarmed in all directions spinning him in a semi-circle with complete indifference. Slowly, like the turtle racing the hare, Haitham tried to edge his way up some steps of a steep incline, putting his foot and stepping where there was no place to step and tripping on stairs that he didn't expect. A one-legged shepherd in ancient clothing bad silently observed the youth from early on

and not able to bear the situation any longer, hobbled on his cane nearer Haitham and at last said in a gruff voice: "Here boy, lend me your hand. We all need somebody to lean on sometimes in our lives! Come on. I'll take you where you're heading for I'm going there

Haitham recognised the voice of his crusty classmate and knew him to be the old man who decided to get a degree even if it killed him. He had often wondered why anyone so old would even bother to study at all. What good would a degree do him? He had even been so bold once to ask the antique shepherd: "Why sir do you study? Are you planning to work once you get your diploma?"

The old man roared in laughter and then when he calmed down a bit chuckled out: "Well, no, my boy. I am seeking knowledge as if one might look for a treasure, for I want to enrich myself with something much more valuable than anything material. I need to be spiritually enlightened. Man cannot live by bread alone now can be? Can you understand, or do you think I'm an old fool?"

He didn't really understand but he shook his head anyway, and now, here the old shepherd was by his side, grabbing his arm with angry force and pulling him up the stairs. The crippled leading the blind. Everyone stared but the old man paid no attention and the youth didn't know the difference. At last they reached the technical building where the shepberd let go of the boy's arm, leaving him to grope for a place to sit down. The old shepherd hopped to an empty place, threw down his cane and sat with a thump and proceeded to grumble to those beside him: "No one to help that poor youth! What is the matter with the students? Why didn't anyone bother to assist the boy? Everyone went their own way just worried about themselves, never thinking to look back and check on someone who needed them. I think there is something wrong with a people that don't take care of the innocent, the poor, the humble and someone who needs somebody to lean on. Whatever is this world coming to?'

The movie room was dark and cool. He started to watch the film apparently shutting out the glare of the red sun outdoors and putting aside his annoyance at least until the movie about other people's problems ended. Meanwhile. Haitham could hardly see what was bappening and the noise of the film mixed with students' whispers and blended together in a distracting bum.

## JTV CHANNEL 2 WEEKLY PREVIEW Thursday, Aug. 11

8:30 Heart Of Courage

Rescue operations that carry danger and risk.

9:10 Murder She Wrote

Goodbye Charlie

All it takes for someone to inherit a great wealth, is to get a true identification of the "dead" body.

10:00 News In English

Friday, Aug. 12

9:10 E.N.G.

False Sten

A father avenges the death of his 14-year-old daughter and Melinda uses the power of TV to expose her

10:00 News In English

10:20 Emilie

Emilie gets closer to ber friend Evin, especially when he is seeking help for his sick mother.

11:10 Dad's Army

Man 'Hunt

Old army recruits learn that not all parachuters are

Saturday, Aug. 13

7:30 Dimension-X

Howfungi and other living things work in the soil under

8:30 Movies, Games and Videos

A look at the latest computer games, videos, and movies that are hits at the box office.

9:00 One To One

9:30 The Campbells

Bird Of Paradise

A woman, in search of rare birds, comes face to face with Dr. James. She tells him there are people who want to destroy her work.

10:00 News In English

Sunday, Aug. 14

8:30 Coach

Baby Wreckers

It is an obvious mistake that Haydn consents to "baby sit" — even for a short time!

9:10 Quantum Leap

Rebel Without A Clue

Sam is trapped in the past — in 1958. His mission: To save a young women.

10:00 News In English

10:20 The House Of Eliott

The two sisters' projects improve and expand.

Monday, Aug. 15 8:30 Big Brother Jake

The World Of Mrs. Fang

Jake and friends remember old Mrs. Fang as she considers leaving the neighbourhood.

9:10 A Galactic Odyssey

10:00 News In English 10:20 Matrix

A Madness To His Method Matrix needs to discover the truth behind a lunatic. dressed as a pirate, who claims that a local industry is dumping toxic waste that poisons the water.

11:10 No Job For A Lady

Jean, the Labour parliamentarian, looks into the issue of "murderers beld in jail."

Tuesday, Aug. 16

8:30 Hollywood Stunt Makers

Meet the people who risk their necks to keep you in stitches — a behind the scene look at "comedy stunts."

> 9:10 The Commish Do You See What I See?

Commissioner Scali and his vigilant men are after a serial rapist whose victims are wealthy women. 10:00 News In English

The story of a young, ambitious aborigine from Australia who runs against the odds and becomes a national boxing champion.

10:20 Rose Against The Odds

Wednesday, Aug. 17 8:30 Harry And The Hendersons

Roots Old American Indian medicines are the only remedies for George's injured knee.

9:10 The Nature Of Things

The Vision Of The Blind

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# Screen star leads his brothers into a new acting dynasty

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> No sibling rivalry among the quartet? "Oh, sure there is, My

brothers are younger and tal mystic and sent back to thinner than I am. They're taking the food out of my mouth. Enormous resent- evil. ment at times," he says.

"Not really. We never go up for the same parts, my brothers and I. There are enormous differences between us. I don't think they can play the (characters)... I play ... intense, willful.... They tend to do more coming-of-age things, young and innocent

It is true that in his early career Baldwin seemed to specialise in lowdown characters: Melanie Griffith's no-good boyfriend in Working Girl, Michelle Pfeiffer's Hit-man husband in Married To The Mob, the thieving psycho in Miami Blues.

Now he's playing the old-time radio superhero

The Shadow. The film's prologue de-picts the hero Lamont Cranston as "the butcher of Lhasa," a bloody drug merchant in Tibet who is captured by a supernatuthe United States to redeem himself by battling

The actor cited the famed intro to the radio show, intoned by Orson Welles: "Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men? The shadow

"The translation of that is: This guy has been there,' Baldwin said. "Unlike a lot of other superheroes who seem to have stepped right out of a Boy Scout uniform, Cranston has lived a little, and he knows a little about evil." Alexander Rae Baldwin

III was born 36 years ago in the Long Island, N.Y., town of Massapequa. His father was a high school teacher and football coach who instilled his six children with a social conscience and a sense of hon-

Baldwin recalls that the brothers were good mimics who shared their father's love of movies.



Alec Baldwin with his wife actress Kim Basinger

"But I don't think any of us ever thought about acting," he recalled. "That was for other people."

Not until he was attend-

ing George Washington University in Washington. D.C., did he take an interest in drama. He transferred to the acting programme at New York Uni-

versity and studied with the legendary Lee Strasberg. Before he graduated, his dark good looks landed him a villainous role in the daytime serial

"I loved working on a soap. Fantastic training,' he commented. "You're forced to make choices. Based on my experience. you need to make all the wrong choices first. Only the most gifted actors 'got

it' right away.

"I think what made Brando so great was that he was knocking people down when he was 25 years old. That's rare. The saying goes, 'by the time you know how to play Hamlet, you're too old to play Hamlet."
He moved on to a short-

lived action series Cutter To Houston and the nightrime soap Knot's Landing. His film debut in Forever Lulu was quickly forgoticn, but he began playing secondary roles in successful films.

The Hunt For Red October thrust him above the million-dollar-a-movic matk. But he declined the follow-up in Patriot Games to appear in New

York opposite Jessica Lange in A Strectcar Named Desire.

Controversy has followed Alec Baldwin since his stardom: His public squabble with the Walt Disney Co. over the disastrous The Marrying Man; his defence of wife Kim Basinger, who was ordered to pay \$8.1 million in a movie contract dispute: his scathing attacks on politicians. mostly conservative Republicans.

Baldwin and Basinger are frequent targets of the scandal sheets.

"You get used to it," he reflected. "I never thought that was true, If you had asked me two years ago. I never would have said that. But you do get used to it. You realise that people are going to make assumptions about

"I guess the only prohicm would be if they stopped making assumptions

## Flintstones stable supplied by British designer

By Kate Kelland Reuter

LONDON - A life-sized bromosaurus model was dismantled and shipped from its birthplace in a draughty north London warehouse across the Atlantic to the Stone Age et of Steven Spielberg's latest film The Flint-

In Hollywood, the creathre was re-assembled and joined the ranks of U.S. resit characters from The Mappets, Sesame Street, and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles which were all created by the same London designers.

When Spielberg asked designers at Jim Henson's London Creature Shop to :make models for The Finititiones, now playing in Britain, he was not looking for a glamorous studio : just eccentric conver flair.

#FRE creature shop faxes of drawings, and ev- with the creature shop be- psyche."

with a reality that tickles adults' as well as kids' sense of humour.

"Adults are open to having more fun these days... and we can make very strongly realistic creatures," said Jamie Courtier, the creature shop's design supervisor for the

"For the Flintstones project I would say that we were almost undoubtedly, completely qualified to do the job," he said.

cifically built around character creatures which is what the Flintstones are. They are creatures with personality,"

and producing the animals about 16 weeks of frantic activity.

(the director) and discuss yesterday's drawings." said Courtier. "Then he would fax back sugges-

tions - 'I'd like a bit of this'." 'I like this nose."

"Our reputation is spe-

The reality of designing for Spielberg's movie was a design entity to come up and exploration of imagin-

"Every day we sent out

With the final approval of miniature models came the task of building real creatures — including the Brontosaurus - in the London workshop and shipping them to Los Angeles for filming.

"The design brief was very open," said Courtier, dispelling the suspicion that Spielberg dictates to the last whisker the look of his characters.

"They came to us with a script which named the creatures - like the Pigasaurus waste disposal unit' - and they left it to us as great."

Spielberg's relations

prides itself on designing ery day my job was to gan with an invitation for character beasts, animals speak to Brian Levant design and budget proposals for his prehistoric blockbuster Jurassic Park.

The creature shop didn't get that job, but Courtier is confident their work on The Flintstones established firm links with one of the most important names in the world's film industry. The staying power of

creations from the creature shop — Sesame Street's Big Bird and the Muppets' Animal - suggests a sound base for The Flintstones, and Courtier sees the momentum in this film genre continuing.

"Interest and appetite for fantasy films waxes and wanes to a certain extent but there will always be a market," he said. "The imagination with the goods. It was ary places, imaginary events and creatures is so much part of the human

Courtier sees the creature shop as a design source which makes the fantasy reality. The film has been

accompanied by a flood of merchandise. "I think the designers should be on royalties for creating the things in the first place," Courtier joked.

Around 200 products --including children's pyjamas, pencil sharpeners, sweets and talking alarm clocks - have hit the movie-going public, some of them months before The Flintstones was even released.

Unofficial estimates forecast takings of £20 million (\$30 million) from merchandise alone.

"In the case of the Flintstones, its extraordinarily all encompassing... but the kids crave the stuff. I suppose it's a tribute really," Courtier said. 



From left: Rosie O'Donnell, and Elizabeth Perkins in the

Rick Moranis, John Goodman movie The Flintstones

But he laments the apparent inability of the British film industry to exploit national talent for its own gain rather than watchinng Hollywood's heavyweights move in and claim it for themselves.

tiveness and artistry that stems from being part of Europe and from our tradition," he said.

very good at. They have "Part of the character of this grasp, they seem to be tor."

this country is the inven- able to make films that make you go 'wow'.'

"But we need a Londonwood. We've got the "Its the 'wow' factor ability, there's no doubt that the Americans are about it. We should try

# Saint-Exupery — a reluctant hero turned legend

... By John Follain Reuter

PARIS :- A reluctant to all his life, Count Antoine De Saint-Exupcy; author of The Little ince, is being glorified s.France marks the 50th iversary of his mysteions disappearance.

The writer's career as a oneering aviator and the mantic way he died on luty 31; 1944 — vanishing wor the Mediterranean n a mission to prepare mvence - have done main to keep the legend

Shortly before his Saint-Exupery had cen glounded after recking a plane in a but he tirelessly lobbied

Supetiors and finally Pennission to fly from ia in Corsica, aboard American P38 lightning Bound for Lyon reconnaissance misn, he vanished somecre between Corsica d the French Riviera. Dead at only 44, Saint-Pery remains the eterchild of modern och literature — like endearing hero of his vie fable Le Petit which a pilot wers: universal truths

in the desert. blishers and admirers revived the legend of landings. dishing aristocrat, one n new editions and ing the seabed for

The biggest accolade is publication by the prestigious Pleiade series of the first volume of Saint-Exupery's collected works including several letters.

Publisher Gallimard has also produced a glossy picture album given free to any buyer of three works in the Pleiade series.

The culture channel Arte dedicated an evening's programming to Saint-Exupery this month. and public broadcaster France Television is making a film on his last mis-

The adulation has several precedents. When he served as culture minister. fellow writer Andre Malraux, himself a former airman, said Saint-Exupery would be laid to rest in the Pantheon - if his

body were ever found. Last autumn, the Bank of France honoured him by putting his face on a new 50-franc note — misspelling bis name with a superfluous accent on the first "E".

Always a pilot first and a writer second in his own eyes, Saint-Exupery was a private man, a dreamer who clung to the loneliness of the aviator. He flew for the first time at the age of 12 and was agh a chance encoun- happiest in the pilots' mess swapping tales of engine failures and forced

"He rewrote a great breed of daring deal, had many doubts. the anniversary and did not deliver the eches, unleashing a articles and books he promised. He was elsewhere, busy with his new mockage of his plane. car, his new friends, a

American translator Lewis Galantiere remembered.

Saint-Exupery's passion for flying permeates his works, which are largely autobiographical. In "Vol De Nuit" (Night Flight), he tracks a plane trapped m a storm over Brazil. In "Pilote De Guerre" (Flight To Arras), he draws on his experience as a pilot at the beginning of World War II.

The writer sought re-fuge in the United States after France's defeat by Nazi Germany in 1940. Because he refused to rally behind the Gaullist Free French, he was regarded by some as a supporter of the collaborationist Vichy

regime. Long before he took to writing, Saint-Exupery risked his life to fly mail across deserts and oceans for the pioneering Aero-

postale line. Launched in 1918, the line initially started at Toulouse and stopped at Barcelona. It was slowly extended to Casablanca and Dakar, and then across the Atlantic to Brazil in 1930.

In 1928, when be was station-master in Cap-Juby on the coast of Africa opposite the Canary Islands, Saint-Exupery wrote his first book, Courrier Sud, about the

Toulouse-Dakar line. In 1935, he tried to beat the record for Paris-Saigon, but crashed in the Libyan desert and was res-The Little Prince, pub-

lished posthumously, on the spot where his plane hit the ground.

Saint-Exupery's luck ran out in 1944. His squadron's duty officer entered in the log-book: "Pilot did not return and is presumed lost."

Today, many still refuse to accept that verdict. Historians, former pilots and witnesses have all tried to solve the enigma.

Among the theories: German fighters shot his plane down. Someone sabotaged It. suffering from old wounds, the pilot fainted in the heat of his cockpit. He committed

Salvage experts sponsored by a champagne maker and backed by the French Navy searched the Riviera off Nice, Monte-Carlo and Saint-Laurent-Du-Var in 1992.

Last summer, sonar revealed a shape which could be that of a plane in the Gulf of Giens but divers found nothing.

in March, the body hunt called briefly and inconclusively on the sleepy town of Carqueiranne near Giens after its mayor said a body thrown up by the sea in September 1944, and buried in the local cemetery, could be Saint-Exupery's.

"His body was never meant to be found," wrote historian Rene Chambe in his History Of Aviation.

"Did he not belong... to a caste for whom a coffin is too narrow? They escape from it and lose themselves in the imcued by a caravan. He set mensity of sky, earth and water.

# Tired of gambling? Try ventriloquism show

By Richard Younger Reuter

NEW YORK - In the neon heart of Las Vegas, a few hundred dummies have taken up residence - not the kind who lose their shirts to gambling.

but the wooden variety. They are part of Valentine Vox's ventriloquism exhibit at the newly opened Magic and Movie Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame is the brainchild of Retonio Breitenmoser, a memorabilia collector and founder of the Magic Casino in Switzerland, which was also curated by Vox.

"Basically, we've relo-cated the European museum over here," Vox told Reuters in a recent telephone interview from Las Vegas. "It's a much more suitable location for

Some of the Hall of Fame's featured artefacts include Houdini's leather straitjacket, Liz Taylor's gown from Cleopatra, Edgar Bergen's famed dolls Charlie McCarthy and Mortimer Snerd, antique arcade games, plus toys, books, playbills and postcards relating to ventriloquism and magic. Visitors are also treated

to hourly performances in the 150-seat Houdini Theatre, where Vox entertains nightly with his doll Jorge, alternating with several other speciality acts. The British-born enter-

as a children's TV show host in Canada, was asked to record an album on ventriloquism. "I went to the libraries to write an historical intro for the album," he says, "and realised there was no

really began my quest."

the present day.

The meticulously detailed and lavishly illustrated work traces the origin of ventriloquism — the word derived from Latin for "belly speaking" --from its earliest recordings in ancient Greek and biblical writing as a form of prophesy and divination to its emergence as popular entertainment in the mid-18th century. The last chapter contains "how-to" information and includes secrets of the trade,

Vox conducted his research at the British Museum, London University and in such exotic environs as Tokyo and the tainer is also author of the Vatican library.

recently published book I "I was coming across Can See Your Lips Mov- amazing stuff that I knew

ing: The History And Art Of Ventriloquism (Plato/ had never been published," he says. "I was Players Press), the most entertaining on ships, so comprehensive study ever wherever I went. I'd do written on the subject. research. It was a life-"I built my exhibit on time's work, but I was the basis of my book," he pleased that I was the first

says, "so what you see in to really document it." the book is on the walls of As his book explains. the museum. It has a story the familiar pattern of the line: The history of the arr wise-cracking doll sitting over the past few on the straightman's knee thousand years right up to did not start to become popular until 1896, when The book, which took Fred Russel, known as 20 years of research, was "the father of modern begun in the mid-'60s ventriloquism." walked when Vox. then working onto the London Palace

single figure which he placed on his knee. Prior to Russel. and continuing into the eatly 1900s. ventriloquists commonly used a row of dolls and elaborately staged documented work on the scenarios. For example, history of ventriloquism. J.W. Cooper's act, which only trivial things. That is recreated at the Hall of Fame, featured five characters in a barbershop seiting controlled by fishing lines attached to con-

Theatre's stage carrying a

cealed foot pedals. It was Edgar Bergen in the 1930s and '40s, however, who catapulted the modern ventriloquist to international fame through radio, film and

"I had the privilege of making a little film with Bergen in the '60s," Vox recalls, "and I could see why he became a big star. It wasn't because of the radio. He'd learned this art and he had this beautiful timing. He made the characters come alive to where you really believed

An expen at the "distant voice". Vox has also launched a children's TV show, My Video Party. currently being test-mar-

keted in Nevada on the Fox Network. "We do skits and also have cartoons and videos," he says. "It has that nice flavour that kids' shows used to have, like Captain Kangeroo and

Regretfully, Vox acknowledges the minor role to which his chosen craft has been relegated. "In the States, there's a

Paul Winchell."

stigma where ventriloquism is not really considered an art," he says. Vox's own "obsession" with ventriloquism began when he was 10 years old

and found a penny leaflet about voice-throwing. "It came in very handy at school," he confides, "I could talk to the guy next to me and smile at the teacher. But I suppose my father was the greatest influence on me, 'cause he was always telling me to

keep my mouth shut." Like the legendary Houdini, who took his stuge name from the magician Robert Houdin, Valentine Vox adapted his current moniker 19 years ago, becoming the third ventriloquist to use the

"It was nice to carry that mantle." he notes. "Sometimes when you do something like that it either works or it doesn't. For me, it worked from the moment I used it like magic.'

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DUBAI — Expatriates, per cent of the United Arab Emirates' people, will have to dig deep into their pockets to pay for medical care when a virtually free scheme is replaced by compulsory insurance.

We are only a few details away from a major transformation," said an insurance industry source who declined to be

"Now it is inevitable," he added, pointing to a recent Ministry of Health study urging the govern-ment to scrap subsidised

medical care for foreign residents.

The ministry report, which has been submitted to the cabinet, concluded that providing free medical services to foreigners was too big a burden for the state to carry.

The estimated cost to the emirate of Dubai alone is 600 million dirhams (\$164 million) annually.

Under the existing scheme, expatriates on work visas and their dependants are entitled to comprehensive medical care at nominal fees which do not cover a fraction of actual costs.

"The only solid fact we know is that the current

system will be scrapped... the rest is speculation."

the source said. The move is likely to hit middle and low-income earners in the UAE, many of them Asian labourers. "Although the coun-

try's health budget has increased, each individual's share has decreased due to the rise in population," the ministry said in its report. The individual's share

of the health budget in 1993 was 815 dirhams (\$222) compared with 1,003 dirhams (\$274) in 1983.

Of the UAE's total population of 2.3 million. an estimated 1.75 million are expatriates.

The study called for establishment of a general authority for health insurance to oversee implementation of a new scheme.

Sources quoted by local newspapers said the new system was likely to introduce a compulsory oneyear health care card with a joining fee set at be-tween 300 and 500 dirhams (\$82 and \$137), compared with a fee at present of 250 dirhams

(\$68) for two years. On top of that, individuals would have to pay for medical services at government hospitals and clinics, although it is not known how the government intends to charge.

Health sources said the government was also likely to make having valid medical insurance a prerequisite for issuing or renewing a work visa.

"It is a nightmare," said one Indian worker in the UAE with a family of

"Paying for medical cards alone at 500 dirhams a head will wipe out 25 per cent of my yearly earnings... and it is compulsory," he lamented.

Kuwait's decision to

abolish free medical care for foreign residents was criticised in the Kuwaiti parliament after an Egyptian worker died last March because he could not afford to pay for kidney dialysis. It is now reviewing the policy.

UAE sources did not know what services would be offered under the new scheme and whether employers would be asked to bear the costs on behalf of employees.

Most of the UAE's expatriates are Asian unskilled labourers earning anything between \$2,400 to \$6,000 annually.

Health officials quoted hy local newspapers say the change is justified on more than just economic grounds. They argue that a large percentage of expatriate workers come from poor countries where contagious diseases are common.

Officials also believe that a new system would improve medical services and ease pressure on doctors at government clinics, which they say have been flooded with patients.

"Sometimes a doctor who is not supposed to see more than 40 patients a day is forced to examine more than 80," Dr. Jumaa Bahloul, director of the Department of Health and Medical Services in Dubai, said in a recent

interview. Although the government is expected to earn about 500 million dirhams (\$137 million) from the new scheme in joining fees alone, experts feel that the insurance sector will benefit most as higher-income earners are likely to opt for private insurance

rather than join the state scheme. Companies in the UAE offer medical insurance as part of a life insurance package but experts be-

heve this sector will boom

if the measure is adopted.

"Three new companies are already negotiating contracts to establish group medical insurance," an insurance executive

"We received inquiries from investors abroad about regulations governing setting up private hospitals in the UAE," he added.

# Dutch congress is meat for science-starved vegetarians

By Sara Henley **Reuter** 

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orange-squeezing race.
"One of the goals of the congress is to increase world understanding of vegetarianism," said Mr. Van Boven. "We won't gain anything from a group of vegetarians sitting in a circle agreeing

how nice life is. To this end, research from the United States, Germany and Belgium will underline findings like those recently presented in Britain, suggesting a meatless diet sharply reduces the risk of cancer and coronary or arterial

University professors will also bring evidence of ecological and social damage caused by intensive livestock farming.

plant and animal species are dying out as meatfarming overtaxes the land, and discuss how Third World communities are being deprived of food by growing inedible crops as export for livestock feed.

A former livestock farmer in the United States." is from a Howard Lyman, will recount how he abandoned his ranch and converted to the Green Movement af-

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and the environment. "I think the image of

meat as a product is slowly in decline," said Mr. Van Boven. "For instance, the range of vegetarian products in Dutch supermarkets particularly is vastly increasing — and shops don't stock things people don't

Nonetheless, vegetarians remain a tiny minority in most Western cultures. Mr. Van Boven said Britain is home to the largest vegetarian population in Europe, with about 7.5 per cent of the nation spurning meat,

He could give no reliable estimate of the world's total vegetarian population, pointing out that while there is no nationwide grouping in the United States, in countries like India vegetarianism is often so common it is a simple fact of

But he said the congress's 350 delegates from places as distant as Korea and Estonia - all share a keen appetite for scientific and moral support in their chosen diet.

A highlight for many will be when Australian ter realising how he was philosopher Peter Singer thor of a vegetarian his-

scientific project to underline the genetic links between humans and apes, as a step towards impro-

ving rights for animals.
"The ultimate goal (of the project) will be for organisations like the United Nations to recognise animal rights," Mr. Van Boven said.

Ethically motivated vegetarians will also be fortified to hear a Leiden University researcher's findings — showing that animals do indeed undergo the equivalent of boredom and depression if confined in a small space for long periods.

Beyond brain food, French cook Jean Montagard will defy his meatcentred culture with vegetarian cookery demonstrations, and there will be a special Dutch dinner consisting of almost everything but the classic exports, cheese and bacon.

More "fundamentalist" vegans--- who also refuse dairy products -- will be as well-served by the conference's wholefood caterers as the simple non mest-eating consumer. Mr. Van Boven said.

And Colin Spencer, au-. Solievial to an harming people, animals launches an international tory of Britain, will delight

vegetarians who feel especially oppressed at carnivorous dinner parties by arguing that the human race was originally herbi-

vore — hunting, shooting

and fishing have led us The delegates will be a

very average public," said Mr. Van Boven. "They are all kinds of people with all kinds of interests. We're already getting calls from old acquaintances keen to see each other

again. The conference, at the from Aug. 8 to 13, is open to the public for a daily price of 70 guilders (\$40) or 240 guilders (\$135) for

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# Doctors split over legalising assisted suicide

BOSTON (R) - Doctors are sharply divided over whether it should be legal to assist seriously ill patients to commit suicide, a new survey of physicians' attitudes has found.

The study, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, canvassed 936 doctors in Washington state and found that 42 per cent believed it was acceptable in some cases for a person to deliberately administer an overdose of drugs to kill a patient who wants to die.

Forty-eight per cent of the physicians surveyed said such euthanasia was never ethically justified. Support for

physician-assisted suicide was even higher.

Half the doctors surveyed said physicians are sometimes justified in helping a patient die by administering a drug overdose, while 39 per cent said such action is never ethically justified. Few doctors expressed a

willingness to be involved themselves in euthanasia or physician-assisted

Although 54 per cent thought euthanasia should be legalised in some circumstances, only 33 per cent said they would be willing to perform it.

While 53 per cent thought physician-assisted suicide should be legal, only 40 per cent said they would help a patient die. The survey, led by Dr. Jonathan Cohen of the

University of Minnesota at Minneapolis, is one of only a few polls so far conducted of physicians on the subjects of euthanasia and physiciansassisted suicide. It was conducted in a state where voters narrowly defeated an attempt to legalise the two practices three years

The Cohen team found that blood and cancer specialists, the types of doc-tors most likely to be exposed to terminally ill patients, "were also the strongest opponents of euthanasia and assisted suicide. Psychiatrists, who had the least contact, were the strongest proponents

of the two practices." 

# Tea may prevent cancer — study

LONDON (AFP) - U.S. cancer research, said his scientists have found evidence that drinking tea regularly may help to prevent certain. kinds of cancer, the Sunday Times reported.

The scientists said a substance in the leaves of green and black tea prevented the spread of cancer by blocking cancercausing agents in the But the protective bloodstream originating effects were lessened if and fish, the weekly reported Sunday.

Doctors in several centres are experimenting with mice and rats and have shown that cancers artificially induced in the laboratory animals could be "markedly reduced" by giving them tea.

Dr. John Weisburger, director emeritus of the American Health Foundation, said: "It is my impression that if you drink six cups of tea a day it will protect you against cancer."

Dr. Weisburger, who has 40 years' experience in properties.

studies showed the risk to rats of contracting cancer of the breast, colon and pancreas from cancercausing agents commonly found in cooked meats and fish was significantly reduced by doses of tea given in the same concentrations as drunk by hu-

from eating cooked meats milk was added to the tea, or if the leaf chemicals were altered at too bigh a temperature, he said.

Professor Allan Conney, director of the Cancer Research Laboratory at Rutgers University in New Jersey, reported his team's study of tea's therapeutic properties in this month's Cancer Research journal.

The studies were inspired by findings in Japan that drinking green tea re-duced the risk of colon cancer. Further investigations have found that black tea has the same

per cent of the doctors Women doctors were significantly more likely to support physician-assisted opposition. suicide than men, but both genders had similar atti-Most doctors who suptudes toward euthanasia,

the study found. In examining the factors that shaped doctors' attitudes, the researchers found that 56 per cent of opponents of euthanasia and assisted suicide said they were influenced by religious beliefs. Only 15 per cent of the those who supported the two practices cited religiou.

The researchers also found that 91 per cent of the doctors supporting suicide and euthanasia suffering. Seventy-four assisted suicide."

against the practices cited the same reason for their

ported the practices said there should be safeguards. For example, 90 per

cent said witnesses to any request to die should not stand to benefit in any way from the patient's death. Eighty-four per cent of doctors surveyed said alternatives such as hospice care and treatment for depression should have been exhausted first.

The researchers concluded that "the polarised attitudes of physicians will tent with the physician's late and implement laws role of relieving pain and and policies concerning

## **ANSWERS**

#### BANK OF KNOWLEDGE

1. An artesian well is a deep well which requires no pumping, but relies upon the pressure at which the water lies above appropriate strata to raise it to the surface. It is so called because such wells were first made in Artois, of which the ancient name was

2. A KEPI is a kind of military headgear; an OKAPI is a mammal related to the giraffe. It was not discovered until 1900, when it was found in the deep forests of the (former) Belgian Congo.

3. The symbol (?) for question mark is said to be formed from the first and last letters of the Latin quasetio = question, placed one over the other, thus

(A) Liverpudlian/Liverpoodlian.

(B) Novocastrian. (C) Muscovite (D) Mancunian

(E) Glaswegian (F) Texan

5. The MEDLAR is not eaten until it is rotten. It is a deciduous, sometimes thorny, tree native to Europe and Asia. Apple shaped truit eaten when partly decayed and becomes "bletted", when it has an agreeable acid and somewhat astringent flavour.

### **PUZZLES**

(A) COMBINATIONS

1. Unable

2. Magnate

Sanction/Contain

4. Pseudonym 5. Introduce/Reduction

(B) WORD COMPLETION





SOLUTIONS OF LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

Last Week's Cryptograms

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# Jordan, Israel make steady progress in Dead Sea talks

From Nermeen Murad at the Moriah Plaza Dead Sea Hotel

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oving into details," Dr. arwan Munsher, ekesperson of the Jordam delegation, told the Jor-

But the "details" are not marginal or unsubstantive. Having established the principal of "mutual recognition of rightful (water) allocations of the two sides" of the Jordan and Yarmouk rivers during the Wadi Araba talks in mid July, the "details" during Tuesday's and Wednesday's bilaterals included "discussing amounts of water shares," a Jordanian source

"I am not going to define to the press now any details on the talks between the Jordanian delegation and Israeli mission," the chief Israeli water expert, Nooh Kinarti, told the Jordan

He maintained that his silence "is for the benefit of both countries" when asked to

moved to defining exact shares of water,

But while not revealing the details of their talks, both sides agree that there is a "common interest" between Jordan and Israel to ensure that both sides have sufficient supplies of water.

A Jordanian source said that there is a sense that Israel "has an interest" in cooperating with Jordan in not only agreeing on water shares in the Jordan River and Yarmouk River but also m jointly increasing the water

We know that Israel has an interest in cooperating on the water shares issue as well as in jointly working to increase water resources," the source said.

Mr. Kinarti, speaking to Jordanian reporters, said earlier Israel was "100 per cent" committed to resolving the water problem with the Kingdom in a manner "that you can live with and it would be a satisfactory one."

He said that be feels that with "a reasonable attitude I am sure that we will overcome the gaps between the two countries."

On the boundary demarcation talks, the Jordanian delegation sources said that Israeli negotiators had accepted the 1928 mandate document as delineating the borders between Jordan and

What we are going to do now is a purely technical affair," a source said. If the Israeli side continues to view the issue as a "technical" rather than "political" one, Jordanian sources do not see any "major sticking points" on that level.

But behind the "detailed negotiations" here, Jorda-

sing the press following their meeting at the

the Kingdom has the "political will" to push abead in its track of negotiation, a will that is apparently recipro-cated by Israel.

Sources in Amman told the Jordan Times that Jordan feels the urgency of registering concrete progress in its negotiations with Israel in view of the Cairo agreement on the Palestinian track and unseen but definite progress on the Syrian track.

The Kingdom has apparently been made aware progress on the Syrian track that includes reaching some type of agreeent on the extent of Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

According to the wellplaced sources, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christophers' shuttle diplomacy be-

tween Syria and Israel has laid out a general frame for principles guiding an agreement between Syria and Israel.

What these sources expect to remain unresolved are "details" over the security arrangements after Israel's full withdrawal from the Golan Heights, the timing of normalisation procedures and the phases of withdrawal.

Analysts and political sources expect that once the "final details" guiding the Syrian track are worked out, Syria would be ready to reach its own separate "declaration of principles" or agreement.

The analysts say that the Kingdom wants to ensure the "comprehensiveness" of the peace process but also does not want to be left trailing the other tracks of the Arab-

## Israel may give Jordan concessions in trade

The Jerusalem Post

ISRAEL is considering given ing trade concessions to Jordan on exports to the territories outside of the autonomous areas, an Israeh official close to the economic talks with Jordan reported yesterday.

Economic negotiations with Jordan resumed yesterday at the Moriah Hntel on the Dead Sea shore.

The official said the talks were going very well, and that the Jordanians had asked fur "symbolic" Israeli concessions on trade with Palesnnians outside the autonomous areas. According to the official, the Israeli delegation is seriously considering agreeing to the Jordanian

"In light of the positive atmosphere and nf the fact that we are talking about a volume of trade that doesn't pose any threat to our economy, the delegation is inclined to accept the propos-

Israeli officials have pointed out that the Paris economic agreement with the Palestinians has, to a great extens, left trade with the autonomous areas in the hands of the Palestinians.

Prior to yesterday's meeting, Israeli officials were saying that following the minal step of agreeing on a set of common principles, the negotiations would get bogged down on the details and that expectations for a quick breakthrough were prema-

They added that both sides agreed to undertake several feasibility studies for joint projects which also will take time until they are ready for implementation.

The Israeli delegation to the talks include Treasury International Division Director Ehud Kaufman, Customs and Value Added Tax Director Arye Zeif, Bank nf Israel Supervisor of Banks Ze'ev Abeles and Industry and Trade Ministry Deputy Director of Foreign Trade

# Congress Centre Rabin and Arafat agree wiblic for a dell, to speed up self-rule steps widers (\$135) in week.

REZ, Gaza Strip (Agen-s) — Israel and the Palesne Liberation Organisation PLO) decided at a summit in Wednesday to speed up seace moves, announcing ecetings next week to iron art obstacles to Palestinian elections and the expansion of self-rule.

"We decided the negotiaions will continue on Monday and Tuesday between the two committees that deal of the doctor of course elections," Prime with early empowerment and e Practices one Minister Yitzhak Rabin told reason for the reporters after a more than 90-minute meeting with PLO octors who sur leader Yasser Arafat.

e practices sak "Definitely we have some ould be sale gifterences," Mr. Arafat told 2 joint news conference at an Israeli army base in the Gaza ample. 90 P Strip, their first summit on witnesses to an home ground.

die should no "At the same time we have netit in any war agreed to minimise all these patient's death differences between both of per cent o is starting from the question surveyed sak of Jerusalem, to the early s such as he empowerment, to the financand treatmen ing donors and donations,"
Mr. Arafat said.

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ession show exhausted first continuous organising of varchers on these steps, we are sure that "the polarises we will be able to overjump physicians wil all our obstacles," he said.

ficult to form in their first meeting since nplement law Mr. Arafat sett es concerna; omous Gaza in mid-July, Mr. Rabin said he had "stressed" Israel's commitment to the declaration of principles signed in Washington last September and the follow-up intonomy accord reached in

May. Mr. Arafat requested the

"despair" at his treatment by the Israelis and complaining that international donors have dragged their feet in financing Palestinian auton-

omy in Gaza and Jericho. He has grown increasingly frustrated at the stalemate in spreading Palestinian selfrule throughout the occupied West Bank compared with the rapid peace moves be-tween Jordan and Israel.

Mr. Arafat hailed the talks as "very important," thanking Mr. Rabin for "pushing forward" what has been agreed upon.

Committees overseeing the transfer of more civilian powers to the Palestinians and organising elections to the autonomy council will meet again on Monday and Tuesday in Erez, and the two leaders could hold more talks in two weeks time if necessary, Mr. Rabin said. The liaison committee will

also meet on Wednesday next

week, the premier added. The two men discussed the issue of an early transfer of civilian powers to the Palestinians throughout the West Bank as well as elections to the autonomy council, origi-

nally due to be held in mid-

July but now put back until at Mr. Rabin said the issue of Jerusalem was not discussed just mentioned in passing. Israel insists that talks with the PLO on Jerusalem are not due to start until the third

year of self-rule. Mr. Arafat has been upset that Jordan was guaranteed a part in the May 4 Gazaalks after speaking of his special role over the Islamic Jericho accord.

sites in Jerusalem in the Israel-Jordan peace declara-

tion two weeks ago. Israeli Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, who was taking part in the meeting, demed that the Palestinians were losing out because of the Jnrdan-Israel peace

"Any breakthrough on the bilateral level benefits the whole of the preace process,"

be told Israeli Radio. Mr. Rabin said he also discussed the problem of violence in the Gaza Strip and elsewhere.

"I hope that on the Israeli side, on the Palestinian side, tensions will be reduced, violence will be reduced.

"Let's hope that what we are committed to will be implemented in the spirit of readiness to work together with those who try hy violence to undermine our efforts.'

Mr. Arafat added he hoped the two would meet again even if only "to shake hands," adding he hoped "continuous coordination" would help the two sides to overcome obstacles.

Mr. Arafat was accompamied by seven ministers from the new Palestinian authority Nabil Shaath and security services chief Amin Al Hindi.

I entrust my dear brother and

heir with the task of estab-

Foreign Minister Shimon State Warren Christopher's Peres joined Mr. Rabin in the latest Middle East shuttle to talks, as well as Deputy Chief mediate a breakthrough. of Staff Amon Shahak and Mr. Sharaa spoke to reporforeign ministry director Uri ters after meeting with Presi-Savir who both played a large dent Elias Hrawi, Prime Minister Rafik Hariri and Foreign Minister Faris Bouez

> Damaseus earlier in the Mr. Sharaa sought to ease mounting tensions in South Lebanon between guerrillas and Israeh occupation forces, telling reporters Syria opposed targeting civilians in the conflict.

BEIRUT (Agencies) - Syrian Foreign Minister Faronk

Al Sharaa said Wednesday

his country was engaged in

serious efforts with Israel to

break the deadlock in their

Despite the "constructive

tangible progress was made

during U.S. Secretary of

to brief them on the outcome

of Mr. Christopher's talks in

Mr. Sharaa said, no

peace negotiations.

"We are not sure until now whether there's been any important change in the Israeli position as long as they haven't publicly committed themselves to full withdrawal from occupied Arab territories," the Syrian official said at the presidential palace in suburban Baabda. Mr. Sharaa said Mr.

forward the peace process after it signed pacts with the Palestinians and Jordanians. "What happened on the other tracks does not negate

Christopher told the Syrians

that Israel wanted to push

Palestinism leader Yasser Arafat (I) looks at Icraeli Promier Vitzhak Rabin while addres-Gaza Strip on Wednesday (AFP photo)

Sharaa reports serious efforts

to lift Israel-Syria logiam

the fact that without concludable peace with Syria and Lehanon the region will not live in genuine peace," said Mr. Sharaa. Underlining Syria's com-

mitment to Lebanon in confronting the Israelis together at the bargaining table, Mr. Sharaa said, Mr. Assad has opposed to Mr. Christopher that Damascus form a joint team headed by a Lebanese to represent both Arab countries at the negotiations.

Mr. Sharaa said Syria told the Americans that it was "strongly annoyed" by an Isreli air raid last Thursday on the South Lebanon town of Beir Al Zahrani that killed eight civilians and injured 17. Israel has said the raid was

a mistake and apologised. "We in Syria believe that civilians should not be targeted by the violence,' Mr. Sharaa said, adding that last week's guerrilla rocket attacks were in retaliation for the Deir Al Zahrani air raid. "We believe that if Israel

Lebanese resistance has no interest in shelling northern Israel or attacking civilian targets," said Mr. Sharaa. But Mr. Sharaa also reiter-

ated that guerrilla operations against Israeli occupation forces in the south were "a A top Israeli official mean-

while cited what called "positive signs" of a desire for peace by Syria.

The official, Uri Savir, who is director-general of the foreign ministry, said the gap between Israel and Syria over the future of the Israeli-held Golan Heights was still wide.

There are positive signs and it seems to me there is a strategic decision. That is also what we hear from the Americans," Mr. Savir told

He said Syria had shown a desire to reach a settlement and responded positively to Israel's progress with Jordan towards clinching a peace

"The gaps are still significant and what is perhaps all the more significant is that there are as yet no direct (Israeli-Syrian) negotiations at senior level in n way that could be productive," Mr. could be productive," Savir said.

Mr. Savir said greater Syrian flexibility was needed.

## Sanaa group says it took over YSP

SANAA (R) — Pro-Sanaa lower level officials of the southern Yemen Socialist Party (YSP) have declared they have taken over the party, most of whose leaders fled into exile after the defeat of the Aden-based breakaway state a month ago.

A statement by the group, coinciding with the opening in Damascus on Tuesday of a congress of YSP leaders on the future of the troubled party, declared itself the sole legitimate leadership of the YSP.

The statement sent to Reuters late on Tuesday said the group was made up of YSP provincial secretaries and other activists but gave no

It was not known how many officials were involved or what following they had in the party, which dominated southern Yemen since independence 20 years ago.

The Damascus talks, trying to restore party unity after splits that emerged during the two-month Yemen civil war. were chaired by the YSP's deputy leader Salem Saleh

Mohammad. It was attended by 10 other members of the party's politburo, including former Prime Minister Haider Ahu Bakr Al Attas and former Defence Minister Haitham Qassem Taher.

Mr. Mohammad was not directly involved in the secession but Mr. Attas and Mr. Taher were among its lead-

Party leader Ali Salem Al Beidh, who fled to Oman after the collapse on July 7 nf the state set up tby southern leaders disgruntled after a four-year merger with the more powerful North YeDamascus talks. He is said by his Omani hosts to have retired from

politics. The Sanaa group said it opposed secession and called for the trial of YSP leaders involved in secession.

It said it had "suspended politburo and central committee members inside and outside (Yemen) including secretary-general (Baidh) and assistant secretary-

general (Mohammad)," The group, calling itself the higher preparatory committce for the fourth YSP conference, said it was 'the sole legitimate leadership which assumes all the party's leadership functions until the con-

vening of the conference." Such a conference is essen-tial under YSP rules to decide leadership and other changes and the group said it would be held within six months.

Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh's government has blacklisted as traitors 16 southern leaders, including Mr. Baidh. Mr. Attas and Mr. Qassem, and says they must stand trial for their involvement in the secession.

But the list does not include Mr. Mnhammad, who remains nfficially a member of Mr. Saleh's presidential council, and other YSP leaders who did not openly support the secession and remain members of the Sanaa government.

Mr. Saleh, who ruled the merged Yemen for three years in a 50-50 partnership with the YSP, has recently called nn what he described as "YSP's middle echelon" to dismiss secessionist leaders and elect a new leadership.

## Crown Prince to head-commission

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vocates of truth, goodwill d peace. it is in this context and

nating from my concern it our smooth transition rards the new phase is not anyway obstructed, and ing that to enter such a owing that to enter such a use would require us to be fulfilled the imperatives democratisation based on rence to the Constituthe National Charter law, that I entrust you assuming the responsity for carrying out the parations for such a drive. democracy should be where justice reigns, and nterests of the nation and itizens are preserved, and where our special ementes are protected order for us to be able to pe with continuons inges, both on the domes-and regional levels. Given that I and your countryhave known about you ams of your penetrating on, and your respect for strict application of the ership of this undertak-

will be invaluable. order to attain these pectives it is imperative to decision-making process group of individuals med with a history of perual integrity. Furthermore, is necessary to introduce imprehensive administrateforms and to elevate e standard of the adminisative sector so that it may t able to interact with this environment, particularin terms of foreign investcet, where a prospective vestor is provided with vourable conditions to seek a local partner under a law which should also protect public funds. While Jordan also attempts to widen its contacts with the European Union, the United

States, Japan and other regional economic groupings, it should be obvious that the Judiciary, the Audit Bureau, and the Bureau of Administrative Control and Inspection, will have to play n complementary role within the framework of a set of modern laws that are fluent in the language of commerce, in order to preserve Jordan's reputation and status. It is important to note that any misconduct or error of judg-ment in the use of public funds will undoubtedly reflect negatively on the prospects for future investment. It is thus necessary to establish a Central Purchasing Authority, and to draft a new policy for foreign commercial dealings. It is also necessary to modernise present laws and regulations, keeping profit margins at reasonable and accepted levels. Doing all the above comes at a time when we are adamant to protect our economy from financial deviation and tedions bureaucratic red-tape, which may tarnish its clean and efficient image within Jordan as well as abroad. Those who have served with honesty and integrity, and who have worked tirelessly, should indeed be rewarded. From now on, there should be absolute-

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In view of all of the above.

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lishing and heading a Royal Commission comprising as members those honest, qualified Jordanians he may deem fit. This Royal Commission should attempt, as one of its many objectives, to seek the creation of economic and investment atmosphere, in both the private and public sectors, based on clear foundations that guarantee the rights of the deserving without leniency, negligence or error. This environment will hopefully pave the way to-wards the development in the national collective sense, where those involved will run its different components according to sound and scientific bases. This should be done under administrative and legislative principles that will result in activating potential and widening the circle of participation and excellence in the national effort at every level. Such an atmosphere should also instill respect for the law and help identify those areas requiring change or modernisation within existing laws and regulations. Coordination between the different components of this new approach should by necessity be active and continuous.

I have no doubt that you will fulfill this task in the best possible fashion, and in this regard you have my unequivocal support. I pray the Almighty to bless you with

With my warmest affection and sincere admiration,

Your Brother, Hussein Ben Talai

## Crown Prince expects accords in 1995

stops attacking civilians the

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Holy City and while religion cannot be separated from politics, "as we try to resolve the political issue there has to be a religious solution that should enhance political moves" to end the conflict

over the city.
Prince Hassan said Jordan had done more than any other Arab country in terms of demographic absorption of refugees who came in different waves that burdened the country's resources and infrastructure. But the Crown Prince

emphasised that despite the cost of assimilating the refugees, Jordan gave full rights to all its citizens without discrimination. He urged that world economic aid should address the real problems of poverty and memployment and not to employ technical terms that do not correspond with the realities on the ground.

He said aid should be directed towards countries that can proceed with implementing projects that can contribute to the development of the region.

Responding to a question nn whether the coming Morocco conference should channel its assistance to bilateral projects rather than multilateral ones that could be hard to implement, Prince Hassan said: "If the most competent can-doers can get together and come up with the nucleus of an investment seminar" ideas will translate

into projects. While noting that "much remains to be done before full peace dawns on the Middle East," Prince Hassan said it is essential to "break down stereotypes."

UJA Chairman Richard Pearlstone said many of the members of the delegation who are with him on the organisation's "Prime Minister's Mission" were interested in investing in Jordan as well as in Israel.

He said his group and other political Jewish orga-

nisations in the U.S. will

work to increase economic

and political support to Jor-

in the United States had pushed for the writing off of Jordan's foreign debt after the signing of the Washington Declaration. Mr. Pearistone presented

Prince Hassan with a framed hthograph representing the Asher, an ancient Israeli tribe. The UJA is a non-political,

non-profit organisation that annually raises \$750 million of donations which it distributes to Jewish communities m the U.S., Israel and other countries. Members of the UJA are

industry and husiness leaders, whose annual contribution to the organisation amount to \$100.000. The Boston Jewish com-

munity is the oldest federated charity organisation in the U.S. and among its leaders is Steven Grossman, president of the influential American Israeli Public Affairs Com-

mittee (AIPAC).
The group had visited Morocco and met with King Hassan before arriving in the

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Algeria identifies attack mastermind

Hnwever, dnmestic

opposition to the security campaign and to the government's policy of supporting the Algiers government has begun growing. Former Socialist Foreign

Minister Ronald Dumas said late Tuesday that the government should encourage Alge-rian leaders to hold talks with the radicals to defuse the

Jean-Francois Deniau, a minister under former conservative President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, said that rather than focus on clamping down on militants, France should maintain a "good dis-tance" from both the Algerian government and the re-

He described the Algiers regime as "dictatorial" "corrupt" and said it had proved its ineffectivenesss in finding a democratic solution" in the former French colony's political crisis. Algerian Islamic Fun-

damentalists leaders mean-

while have been playing

down the Islamie threat tn Sheikh Abdulhaki Sahraoui, a founding member of FIS and honorary chairman nf the Islamic movement's leadership outside Algeria, said late Tuesday that FIS and its armed wing did not want to "spread the conflict to French territory which has never been the :: target of the Mujahedeen (freedom fighters).

## **King meets Christian leaders**

(Continued from page 1) harm from anyone. This is reality and this is our march in which we take pride and which we strive to pursue and folfil."

At the outset of the meeting, Rox AJ Uzeizi delivered an address on behalf of the audience pledging the Christian community's absolute support for the Hashemite

throne. Mr. Uzeizi voiced the Christians' support for the Hashemite family's en-

deavours tn safeguard the boly places in Jerusalem and the King's efforts to regain Arab rights in the Holy City.

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Attending the meeting were Chief of the Royal Court Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, the King's advisers, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ben Zeid, His Royal Highness Prince Talal Ben Mohammad, the King's milit-ary secretary, and His Royal Highness Prince Ghazi Ben Mohammad as well as Prince

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TOKYO (AFP) - Japan

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the United States and

Europe, according to the

Nomura Research Institute.

Kwan Chi-Hung, a senior manager at the affiliate of

Nomura Securities Co. Ltd.,

said the British colony's re-

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# Kuwait opens banks to foreign participation

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait opened banks and insurance firms to minority foreign ownership for the first time this week to try to boost competition in the lacklustre financial sector.

Law number 51 of 1994 sets a limit of 40 per cent on the amount foreigners can take in the equity of a bank or insurance company and stipulates it must be an exceptional case where a need exists to invest foreign capital or expertise.

"This law opens the way for big foreign banks to participate in Kuwaiti banks," reads an explanatory note to

The law is part of a plan to

help the banking sector diversify. Once among the most buoyant in the Gulf, some Kuwaiti banks have suffered stagnant earnings due to debt problems and losses linked to Iraq's 1990-91 occupation.

Officials insist they see signs of foreign interest in local banks but some bankers have questioned whether 40 per cent is enough to attract foreign companies. No foreign entrant is expected to make an immediate purch-

The law, dated Aug. 1 and passed by parliament earlier this year, took effect upon publication in the government gazette. A copy was received by Reuters Wednes-

The approval of the ministry of trade and industry has to be obtained in the case of insurance companies and that of the central bank in the case

The note said banks were facing increased international competition as a result of European Union moves towards economic integration. "It is therefore necessary that banks should have executive staff of high qualifica-

tions and experience and the

bank should be technically able to compete," the note "Developments in world

banking show it is in the

interests of small banks to accept the participation of bigger banks to make use of their experience and capacities," it added.

The central bank has advised some local banks to consider a range of reforms including mergers, foreign participation or better manement practices.

The government sets a higher limit of 49 per cent on foreign participation in companies in other sectors of the

The most attractive prospect, National Bank of Kuwait — voted the world's best smaller bank by Euromoney magazine this year -

terested in a foreign partner.
About 43 per cent of local bank assets are made up of low-yielding government bonds issued in 1992 in ex-

change for the banks' port-

folios of bad loans under a

debt rescue programme. instead of chasing business, many banks must devote resources to chasing repayments from borrowers whose \$19 billion in bad debt has hamstrung the financial system since 1982.

Economists say some are heavily overstaffed and credit discipline has been lax.

The central bank has said the large number of banks six commercial banks, two

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partly-Kuwaiti owned foreign bank and an Islamic finance company — are too many for the small 1.6 million popula-

The central bank has tackled some of the shortcomings by enforcing international accounting standards, capital adequacy requirements and credit concentration stan-

The central bank says the question of whether to allow foreign banks to open branches in Kuwait — seen by

cent experience in relocating most of its indutrial base to some analysts as a more prudent China was an "instructive exmode of entry for foreigners ample" to Japanese industry. - needed more time and a Despite a sharp reduction marked improvement in local of employment in the Hong bank performance. Kong manufacturing sector, the territory's unemployment rate has remained at about

higher pay have been created in the service sector," he The economic boom in participation and Mr. Azzam southern China also supports said the government plans to Hong Kong on the demand sell more shares in industrial side by absorbing some of the and services firms. territory's goods and services," Mr. Kwan said in the Kuwait has launched a mutual fund which allows

August edition of "Nomura Asian Perspectives." Hong Kong's experience thus provides a lesson to Japan, currently obsessed

with the "hollowing out" of its industrial base by the strong yen. "Japan should pay more attention to the service sector

and strengthen its links to the fat-growing economies of Asia," Mr. Kwan said, echoing the assessment of the government's annual white paper on the economy re-leased recently.

But the economist, himself originally from Hong Kong, said Japan seemed to be "wavering" between positive industrial adjustment and

protectionism.

Japan's international trade and industry ministry is, for example, reportedly planning to help Japanese petrochemical makers to transfer excess production capacity to China in a programme sup-

Japan urged to learn from Hong Kong in dealing with industrial change

ported by Japanese govern. ment aid. "The plan is in prefer agreement with the spirit of F119,313

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positive industrial adjustment and should be extended to other industries and other developing countries in the fa-ture," Mr. Kwan said. But at the same time, the ministry is considering plans

to impose restrictions on imports of textiles from Asia citing "market disruption" in Japan cause by the rapid growth in imports, especially from China.

The United States and Europe imposed similar trade barriers in the form of tariffs and quantitative restrictions on Japanee products after Japan caught up with the West in the 1960s.

The same measures were later applied to Asia's newly-industrialised economies and other developing countries in

the region. "It is truly regrettable and ironic that Japan, which has firmly opposed such measures, is going to adopt a similar policy towards developing countries now that the country's position has been reversed," Mr. Kwan

"Japan should aband a the mercantilist view that production and exports are good while consumption and exports are bad. Instead, Tokyo should adopt policies that promote an international division of labour according to comparative advantage." pointed out

"By relocating declining industries abroad and liberalising imports, Japanese producers and consumers should realise gains in real income by lowering the nation's cost of production and imports. 'More important, the resulting growing prosperity among Asian countries will promote stability in the Asia-Pacific region and thus Japan's national

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idea and a message, Mr.

perfume will be on sale to

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stores, perfume selling out-

lets and pharmacies.

# Arab Gulf markets opening up to private capital

states are developing their financial markets and selling off more shares in government-owned firms to allow a greater role for pri-

vate investors, a leading eco-In reports published Wednesday, National Commercial Bank chief economi Henry Azzam said Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)

states could deepen their

financial markets further by

LAGOS (R) - Military-

ruled Nigeria, lacking debt

relief from foreign creditors

and hit by pro-democracy

protests and strikes, has fal-

len behind in its debt repay-

our debt repayments," a senior official of the central

The official gave no figures

on the amount of the arrears

on the roughly \$30 billion

Nigeria owes mainly to West-

Finance Minister Kalu Idi-

ka Kalu said in January

Nigeria had embarked \$1.8 billion for debt servicing in 1994, leaving about \$7 billion

to be negotiated for resche-

arrears stood at \$4.54 billion

at the end of 1993 and pro-

jected service obligations in

1994 amount to \$4.4 billion.

to the effects of the re-

introduction of economic

controls, there is pressure on

available hard corrency.

obtained mainly from crude

oil earnings, say bankers. The situation has been com-

pounded by an oil workers'

strike, now in its sixth week,

which industry sources say has cut crude oil output by at

The main striking oil union

Nupeng said Tuesday it was

Faced with reduced foreign

Nigeria's debt servicing

bank told Reuters.

em governments.

"We are not up to date in

Nigeria falls behind

on debt servicing

opening them up to interna-tional investors. "GCC share markets achieved tangible growth last year," Azzam said in reports published by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) newspaper Al Khaleej and the

London-based Asharq Al "Markets in the region benefitted from great impetus given by Gulf governments which intend to grant the

private sector a bigger role in

stepping up its campaign to disrupt oil production and export in a bid to force Niger-

ia's military rulers to cede

power to detained politician

earnings of the current level

of losses in oil production is

not yet clear because the

strike has helped push up

world oil prices to about \$18

per barrel, \$4 higher than the price assumed in the 1994

The seemingly intractable crisis that has gripped Nigeria since former military president thereion.

dent Ibrahim Babangida can-

celled results of the June 1993

vote that Mr. Abiola was set

to win has damaged the eco-nomy and reduced its re-

"The current political

situation has really com-

pounded our economic prob-

lems," the central bank offi-

and trade partners, unhappy

about the slow pace of demo-

cratisation in the country and

the government abandon-

ment of IMF economic re-

forms, are unlikely to be sym-

pathetic to any request for

"We cannot start discus-

debt relief on new funds.

sing with the Paris Club be-

cause we do not have an IMF

clean bill of health," the cen-

tral bank official said.

Nigeria's Western creditors

The impact on Nigeria's

Moshood Abiola.

calender budget.

venue prospects.

cial said.

programmes to sell some public sector compa the private sector." Mr. Azzam said. He said international in-

the economy and started

vestors could play a greater role in regional stock markets once necessary limits have

"For example, on how much a group could own in any one company, such as in Bahrain and Oman, and

granting foreign investors a

economy

expansion

PARIS (AFP) — The Danish economy is set for expansion,

though high structural unem-

ployment continues, the

OECD said Thursday in its

annual report on Denmark.

tion for Economic Coopera-

tion and Development said

that "In sum, having climin-

ated most of the imbalances

built up in the 1980s, the

Danish economy seems set for a period of expansion,

based on monetary and ex-

change rate stability, relative-

ly sound public finances and a

favourable business climate."

satisfactory feature (of the

economy) is the high rate of

structural unemployment,

which may not be reduced

It warned that the main

danger is that, in adopting

new policies to meet the un-

employment challenge, "me-

asures may be taken that compromise the basis for

steady long run growth, the most immediate risk being a

return to a "stop-go" cycle."

The OECD report noted

that weak domestic demand

"gave way to a robust expan-sion during 1993."

policies."

But it added that "the least

The Paris-based Organisa-

Danish

set for

role in funds, as in Kuwait." he said. "This will strengthen demand for shares and en-

courage capital inflow." The market value of shares traded in the GCC's Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, UAE, Bahrain and Kuwait stock markets in 1993 was about 40 per cent of the gross domestic product of the GCC, or \$77

Mr. Azzam said in Bahrain, the first GCC coun-

foreigners to participate. Share trade in Saudi Arabia siding in the country to trade in shares on the local stock is limited to Saudis. market and plans mutual UAE and Qatar, which both have unofficial bourses, share listing with Omani companies in the first such plan to set up official floors step by two GCC states. and Mr. Azzam said Qatar is to start issuing treasury bills before the end of the year.

Oman is to allow companies to set up investment

### Seoul tells conglomerates: Grow but with more public ownership claiming the restrictions on

SEOUL (AFP) - South Korea this week told the country's powerful con-glomerates they could keep on expanding, but only if they were financially solid and relaxed their hold on

company equity.

The ruling was expected to immediately ease the government's controversial grip on at least six of the country's largest companies considered to have properly distributed ownerships, analysts said Wednesday.

The new policy by the finance ministry will give clear support to companies whose financial structures are considered solld and which allowed the public a greater share in their companies'

Under an amendment to the Antimonopoly and Fair Trade Act announced Monday, business groups affiliates were told to lower holdings in outside companies from the current 40 per cent

of net assets to 25 per cent. "The revision is meant to strengthen competitiveness among domestic companies prior to proposed full openness of our market," Kim Won-Joong, an official at the Fair Trade Commission, a state-run watchdog body, said Wednesday. But he added: "The new

policy is drawing criticism from domestic companies, which regard it as tightened restrictions.

Those groups meeting the proposed government criteria will be eligible for exemption from the 25 per cent ceiling

The ministry said that in consideration of the current business structures, six of the 547 subsidiaries affiliated with 30 conglomerates were likely to be free from the new restrictions on owners' holding limits.

They are Daewoo Heavy Industries Ltd., Daewoo Electronics Co., Daewoo Telecom Ltd., Lncky-Goldstar International Corp., Kumbo Construction Co. and Haitai Electronics

Some 128 subsidiaries of the top 30 conglomerates had invested more than 25 per cent of their net worth in other companies as of April 1, which would mean divesting to the public their combined excess investment, valued at 2.6 trillion won (\$3.2 billion).

These companies would be given a three-year grace period to dispose of their excess equities, ministry offi-cials said.

Economic analysts expressed doubts over the effectiveness of the amendment,

## RJ, PIA

investment in outside com-

panies would threaten com-

panies seeking to ensure fu-ture survival by investing in

The grace period uniformly

"The revision was designed

given for the equity sell-offs would cost heavily, they said.

to accelerate competitiveness

in business, but it may bring

an adverse effect," said Lee

Yong-Hwan, an executive

manager at the Federation of

Korea Industries, a business

lobbying group.

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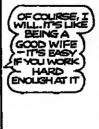






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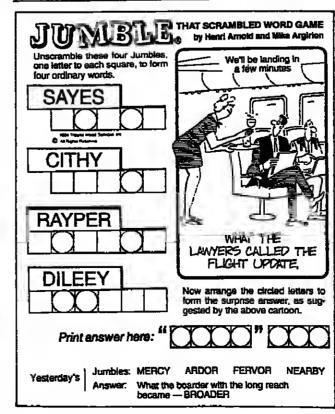






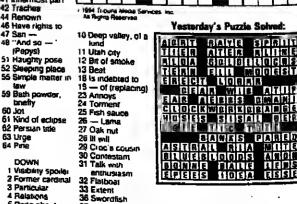


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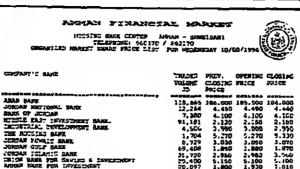
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Cypriot Pound	1.3785	1.5015

# Nickel prices slump as Siberian exports flood market

prices fell sharply on Wednesday as metal stock-

Arctic Circle during the winter started to pour into the from Tuesday. ADMAN FINANCIAL MARKET



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#### **LONDON EXCHANGE RATES**

LONDON (R) - Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London Foreign Exchange and

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On the Loodon Metal Ex-change (LME) prices touched a three-month low of \$5,760 a tonne, down \$110

"Short-term fundamentals for nickel have turned from mildly positive to mildly

bearish in the summer quar-

to rise during this period," said metal researcher Angus Macmillan of LME brokers

Billion-Entheven. Nickel, whose main use is in stainless steel, has lost 15 per cent of its value since the end of May but is still well above the lows reached late

Shareholders of beleaguered Russian company MMM shareholders (gathered outside the

MMM embark on an early morning protest in office of the company) vote in support of Red Square Wednesday demanding 'freedom organising their own party in a struggle for for Sergey Mayrody' (banner on left) who is their rights. The events surrounding the

incarcerated in the prison of the tax office in MAIN financial crisis are developing more and Moscow. Below, with a show of raised hands, more into political issues (AFP photo)

Traders said Wednesday's drop, in a market already worried by the iocreased shipmeots from Russia, was sparked by news that stocks

had riseo in LME-registered warehouses. Mr. Macmillan said if prices failed to hold around

\$5,800, they could fall as low as \$25,000. LME warehouse stocks

now stand at 135,660 tomes, near record highs. Three years ago there was just 2,500 tonnes in store.

Traders said exports would increase over the next few months from Russia's huge North mine, one of the most northerly in the world in an isolated area with a popula-tion of some 300,000.

Before the break-up of the Soviet Union, nuclearpowered ice-breakers would clear a path through the Arctic ice to ensure a steady supply even during winter. Now, the exporters orefer to save their transport costs and hold on to the metal until the winter is over. Flooding as the ice melts around the port of Dudinka means another couple of months until late July before nickel can start moving overseas markets.

"Russian production and export levels to the west are a major ancertainly in the nickel market," said David Wilhamson of mining analysts David Williamson Assectane.

"It is estimated that exports from this source are concered to the to 70,000 tonnes in the second half of 1994, against 40,000 tonnes in the first half," Mr. Williamson added.

## Japanese firm to set up major computer plant in UAE

DUBAL United Arab Emirates (AFP) - A computer giant is planning to set up the first Japanese manufacturing unit in the United Arab Emi-rates (UAE), officials said Wednesday. System Al Co. Ltd. pad

originally planoed to base the computer and ocmmunication systems project in Hong Kong but shifted to the Dubai Jebel Ali free zone after talks with UAE officials in Tokyo and a visit to the zone, the Dubai Commerce and Tourism Promotion Board (DCTPB) said.

"The new plant will be the first ever Japanese manufacturing operation in the zone," DCTPB chief executive Khalid Bia Sylayem said in a statement.

This is an important milestone in Dubai's deveiopment as a manufacturing base for high technology companies. We are particularly pleased because System Al had originally planned to set up their plant in Hong Kong.

The plant, to be called SAI Gulf FZE, will initially produce computer systems and software to establish a strong marketing base in the Middle East, System AI president Junichi Ishikawa said. It will later manufacture computers and communication systems, he added.

There were no initial available figures for investment costs and estimated output.

Several other Japanese firms are already established in the free zone having set up mainly discribution and marketing centers. They in-clude Nissan, Murata Machinery, Honda, Yamaha, Aiwa, Sony, Casio and

Jebei Ali, established in 1985, is the biggest free zone in hie region, with more than 450 companies and invest-ments reaching \$1 billion.

According to a study by the Dubai-based Gulf Business Machines company, the computer market in the region is growing by as much as 10 per cent annually. It estimated computer and software sales at more the \$1 billion a year.

#### Lebanon expects to produce 18.000 tonnes of sugar

BEIRUT (R) - Leounon expects to produce about 18,000 formes of white sugar in 1994, an enicial of the directory of cereals and sugar beet said

"Initial estimates show the sugar beet crop will be the same as last year's" the official said. All of last year's sugar beet crop was processed locally into 15 000 tonnes of sugar.

The official said the directory would buy the whole crop in September from farmers and process it into sugar -at a cost of about 27 billion line (\$16 million).

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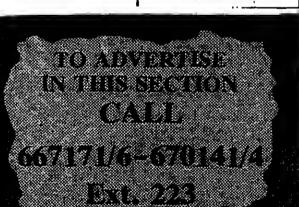
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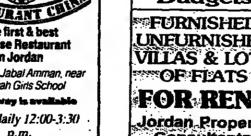






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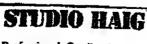
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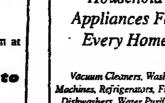
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# Dream Team rips Australia

TORONTO (AFP) — Dream Team E added insults to embarrassment on the way to their most loosided victory vet at the World Basketcall Championships.
Reggie Miller scored 31

points and the U.S. team of National Basketball Association (NBA) stars rolled over Australia 130-74 in a quarterfinal round robin game here Tuesday,

"I found myself embarrassed by the score," Australian coach Barry Barnes said. "When you lose by that much, you should he embarressed. But team will bounce back and come out the better

Taunts and comments by U.S. players during the hlowout surprised the Australians. "They certainly had a lot to

say." said Andrew Baze, who had 23 points in to remain the tournament's top scorer. 'Some of it was quite humorous. Some I wouldn't want to repeat. Everyone had sometime to say.

We were taken a little off grand at the way they were trausing us. I think for them flashback," Miller said. it's normal. We're from a different culture. But it 10 on Shane Heal's 3-point granted like a lot," Baze said.

Miller, known for taunting, said players were only enoving themselves after dunks or long shots. The U.S. team made 14 of 22 3-point attempts.

"I would prefer not to have my team trash talk," U.S. coach Don Nelson said. "ff we did, we will talk about it."

In the other quarterfinal match Tnesday, Sergei Dazarevich scored 27 points and Russia remained unbeaten here by downing Puerto Rico 101-85.

"Russia had the talent to compete with the U.S. team," Puerto Richo coach Carlos Morales said. Australia stayed within

range for 14 minutes, but superior depth and talent kept the U.S. team perfect in eight world-level meetings with Australia.

Miller and Mark Price each made 5-of-6 3-point shots. Price finished with 17 points and Miller recalled his hot fourth quarter in the NBA playoffs after being tannted by New York fan Spike Lee. "I had a bit of a Spike Lee

Australia pulled ahead 17shot 4:14 into the game. But

the U.S. team dominated once rested reserves entered. Shawa Kemp and Kevin Johnson sparked a 14-3 run late in the first half on the way to a 62-48 half-time bulge. Australia came no closer than 15 after that.

Puerto Rico had beaten the host Russians on the way to the Goodwill Games title earlier this month, so revenge was on Russian minds here. "We're happy to retaliate for the absolutely horrible

game we lost to them at the Good will Games,"
Bazarevich said. Bazarevich scored eight points in a 20-7 Russian run that broke open a tight game in the final minutes. Russia took their largest lead at 95-79 on a Bazarevich jumper with 3:26 to play and Puerto Rico came no closer than 11

after that.

"I'm completely satisfied, but I'm completely dissatis-fied with our defence," Russian coach Sergei Belov said. There were a lot of mistakes, especially in positioning under the rim for re-

The victory puts Russia in a strong position to reach the semi-final, while dimming



Spain's Ferran Martinez (centre) drives between Egypt's Emaduddin Mahmoud (left) and Sharif Al Sanadeli during their qualification game Tuesday at the World Baskethall Championships (AFP photo)

Puerto Rico's hopes.

"It was a must- win game for us to advance," said Sergei Babkov, who scored 20 points. "We showed our

strength in the second half. We remembered the loss from before. That's why we had a special attitude." Jose Oritz led Puerto Rico

#### European Championships 6,419 points, just 15 points HELSINKI, Finland (AP) — Sabine Braun of Germany came from behind to win her second consecutive European championship heptathlon Tuesday, while host Finland Moskalets, despite gained its first title. Sari Essayah of Finland won the women's 10kilometre walk in a European championship record of 42

tering the javelin throw, the sixth of the seven events. Braun took advantage of a

hind the winner.

poor throw by Moskalets to gain the lead, scoring more than 200 points better than the Russian in the javelin. Moskalets dropped to fifth entering the final event, the 800 metres.

minutes, 37 seconds. She was

the world champion last year.

Braun held her advantage and won the heptathlon with ahead of Rita Inancsi of Hungary. Urstula Wiodarczyk of Poland took third with 6,322

Braun wins heptathlon at .

finishing the 800 meares four seconds faster than Braun, stayed in fifth place, ending with 6,308 points, just three points behind the fourthplace finisher Larisa Turchinskaya of Russia with 6,311 points.

Italian Annarita Sidoti edged Russian Yelena Niko-Braun won the European layeva for the silver medal, title in 1991 and took the world crown the following year when world recordholboth finishing six seconds be-In the heptathlon, Braun der Jackie Joyner-Kersee of trailed Russian Svetlana the United States had to drop Moskalets by 42 points, enout with an injury after four events. At last year's world championships, Braun was

second hehind Joyner-Kersee. Earlier in the evening, Britain's Linford Christie received his medal for his 100metre victory Monday night. By winning his third consecutive European cham-

pionship title. Christie tied

Valery Borzov of the former Soviet Union, who won three consecutive European 100° metres over a five-year span when the European cham-pionships were held in 1969."

1971 and 1974. Christie's time this year wasn't fast, just 10.14 seconds, barely better than the 10.15 he recorded in winning his first European title

eight years ago. In 1990 at Split he gained his second crown in 10.00 seconds.

"I came here just to win the title. Now I have the " championship, which is all that really matters," he said.

This year, Christic was sidelined three weeks with a left hamstring injury before the championships. He had not raced in 23 days before.

"I was very hungry, I wanted to race." Christie said. "Once I knew I was over my injury, no one was. going to beat me.'

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# 10-round decision, Wants to fight Foreman LONDON (R) - Europe's

PRIOR LAKE, Minn. (AP) — Looking forward to his third—and, he promises, his izst :- retirement, Larry Holines plans to enjoy some

of lite's simple pleasures. ime; he plans to give box-ing's powers-that-be some most nnpleasurable mo-

After winning a unanimous :(Internal decision over Jesse Ferguson Tuesday night, the heart veight champion said he would like to fight fellow old-timer George Foreman and of the year.
And then?

"I would fish, learn how to tewnd bar and teach fighters how to fight," said Holmes, whose 61-4 record includes a 13-1 mark since he came out or retirement a second time in 1991. "And I would cause problems to the fighting game to make the sport more minmate."

Holmes, the champion from 1978-85, claims he basn't gotten a title shot since he lost to Mike Tyson in 1988 because promoters don't like bim. He has no use for the alchabet soup boxing divi-LT. WBO.

"Sometimes there's no ruch thing as fairness. It's all evita you know." he said, accoing that maybe he'll just tents his own boxing orga-nisation: "I would call it

Ferguson might sign on if he thinks it will give him some justice.

He and his managers, Seth Braunstein and Greg Cohen, rarced with the capacity croud of 2.574 at Mystie Lake Casino who thought he had won the fight and booed when the 97-94, 96-94, 99-92 decision was announced. We've constantly had to

sattler losses to someone who might be in the better graces beging's hierarchy." Calen sold.

Added Braunstei: "Jesse has to work hard for his crumbs. To hear a score 99-92...that was a emharrass-

After the decision was mnounced, Ferguson shook his head in disbelief. He then stood on the ropes and raised

ment to boxing. Give me a

Ferguson, 37, best known for beating Ray Mercer in 1993 after Mercer supposedly asked him to take a dive, fell

Ferguson threw most of the fight's hard shots but Holmes was more active, scoring with dozens of left jabs — the punch that fuelled his sevenyear championship run.

"He showed one good punch every other round," said Holmes, who was staggered by an overhead right in the second round hut otherwise seemed unfazed by Ferguson's attack. "Landing one punch every other round doesn't win a fight. It doesn't even win a round. Jesse might have thrown 10, 15 punches a round and you just can't win like that. I averaged

Holmes, who felt he got shortchanged in title-fight losses to Michael Spinks in 1985 and 1986, empathized with Ferguson.

"The game is not always fair," he said. "I was the champion of the world for 7 vears. Jesse has never been a champion. It's called boxing politics and it's going to hap-pen. But I won the fight." And he feels he can win

опе тоте. "It would he historic. George Foreman and me. But George is afraid. Unless he can whup someoine's butt, he doesn't want to fight," Holmes said.

"We don't have too much in this game left. I realise that. If I fight again, great. If I don't, so be it. I don't need boxing. I've already made my place in history.'

# Holmes, after winning Tough baptism for UEFA Cup's new nations

new nations struggled to put themselves on the soccer map when they made an inauspi-cious dehnt in a greatly-expanded UEFA Cup late

While dehntants from Armenia and Azerhaijan were given a roasting welcome to top-class soccer, former European trophy winners Aberdeen were being held to an emharrassing 0-0 draw in Latvia.

Scotland's Aberdeen, former Cap Winners' Cap holders, drew 0-0 with Skonto Riga in the biggest upset of the first leg of the UEFA Cup preliminary round as the Eurogan an unusually early start to the season.

Armenians Ararat Erevan lost 3-0 at CSKA Sofia in Bulgaria while Turkey's Fenerbahce thrashed Touran of Azerbaijan 5-0 in their nest-leg the in Istanbul. although .two; of the goals came in the last minutes. Avknt Kocaman scored

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) -

Turkish soccer star Tanju

Colak was detained in Mace-

donia and could be extradited

to Turkey to face sentencing

for an auto smnggling convic-tion, a Turkish newspaper

Colak, the leading scorer

in European soccer in the

1987-88 season, fled the

country shortly before Tur-

key issued an arrest warrant

for him. He was arrested

Tuesday at a friend's house in

Macedonia, a newspaper re-

The Istanbul daily Milliyet

reported from the Macedo-

nian capital Skopje that Col-

ak was questioned by a judge

who ordered him jailed until

reported Wednesday.

twice, in the 44th and 66th minutes, after Bulent Uygun opened the scoring in the

15th minute. Their Danish striker Nielsen Converted a free-kick in the 81st.

With UEFA expanding the tournament from 64 to 91 teams following the break-up of the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, and the reduction in size of the European Cup, the glut of UEFA Cup entries demanded an enlarged preliminary round.

Scotland's other preliminary-round representatives, Motherwell, made a predictably winning start with a 3-0 victory over Have nar Boltfelag of the Farce Islands, although the win was not achieved with the style. and goal-feast the fans had

night came in Poland where Gornik Zabrze thrashed Ireland's Shamrock Rovers 7-0. But the biggest scoreline was a 6-2 away win by Rapid Bucharest against Malta's Valletta.

The biggest win of the

Romanian international striker · Ioan Vladoin missed the chance of completing a hat-trick when he failed to convert a last-minute penalty

Turkey relayed the necessary

documents for his extradi-

Milliyet puhlished hand-

cnffed pictures of Colak

L'oon returning to Turkey,

Colak faces 22 months in

prison and a fine of 772 mil-

lion liras (\$24,500). He was

found guilty last year of kno-

wingly buying a smuggled car. An appeals court upheld

the conviction last month.

Colak previously said he

had left Turkey to train with

a local team in Macedonia

before flying to St. Peters-

burg for a game against Russia Aug. 7. But Russia later

cancelled Colak's invitation.

lack of interest and say they

Colak gave contradictory

being escorted by police.

Turkish fugitive soccer star

detained in Skopje

Vladoiu, who had just four minntes of action at the World Cup in America, net-ted in the 14th and 46th minutes on a sweltering night on the Mediterranean island.

The Maltese pulled the match back to 2-3 midway through the second half but were then huried by three goals in the final 16 minutes. Slovan Bratislava of Slovakia, another former Cup Winners' Cup holder under the old national borders of

Czechoslovakia, won 2-0 against Portadown in Northern Ireland. Former Weish and Arsenal goalkeeper George Wood made a return to Edropean football at the age of 41 hut could not save Welsh side Inter Cardiff from a 2-0 de-

statements about whether he

intended to return home or

not. He said be should be

pardoned just as the Argen-

tine government pardoned

soccer superstar Diego Mara-

ends Colak's career, because

Turkish sports regulations

forbid anyone sentenced for

certain crimes, including

smuggling, from playing pro-

hul team Galatasaray in the

late 1980s and for Fener-

bache in the early 1990s. His

career later went into decline

and he was transferred to

Istanbulspor in the second

Colak starred for the Istan-

fessionally again.

The conviction effectively

dona for drug offences.

feat at home by GKS Katowice of Poland. Another former Welsh international, Mickey Thomas, was also in the side two months after being released from a prison sentence for passing forged bank notes. He was one of five players making their debut for the

soccer finals, beginning with an away game against Macedonia Sept. 7. pay deal with bonus arrange-

> Olsen said. he Danish soccer team have been negotiating a new pay deal for 1994-96 with the association for several months but have failed to

> bonuses.
> "All I can say is that we have still not found a solution to the team's demands. We plan to contact them again," Danish Football Association information officer Lars Be-

According to media reports, the football association is refusing to accept team demands for profit-sharing bonuses on top of their normai salaries.

on the visitors or atheletes,"

Ironically, the beleaguered

games society has done its best to court the "politically

correct" movement. It is

trumpeting efforts to expand

the roles of women and the

disabled in the competition.

oting the culture and tradi-

tions of Canadian Indians.

Canadian Indian dugout

canoes will converge on Vic-

The games are also prom-

An armada of 40 native

she said.

#### Danish champions PARIS (AFP) — A filter which would have prevented threaten

pay strike COPHENHAGEN (R) Denmark captain Lars Olsen said Wednesday the European champions will go on

Irina Privalova (left), winner of the women's

100m of the European Athletic Chapt-

chke of Germany wave from the podium after

bonus payments. The pay row threatens next Wednesday's friendly against Finland in Cophenagen as well as the campaign to qualify for the next European

"We are not going to play again until we've got a new ments. It's no joke, we are professionals after all."

reach agreement on player

rendt said.

# Benetton rapped over fire

the ceremony (AFP photo)

receiving their medals Tuesday. Silver medal-

list Zhana Tarnopolskaya did not appear at .

the flash fire that engulfed stappen at the German Contract Grand Prix had been "de-hiperately removed," officials said Wednesday.

Benetton have been summoned to an October 19 meeting of the World Council of FIA, motor sports' governing body, to exclain why the part was missing from the refuelling system.

Detch driver Verstancen and three mechanics escaped with superficial becas when the fire broke out during a refuelling stop.

After studying a report from Intertechnique, the French firm which provides grand prix refuelling systems, FIA said in a statement: "The fuel spillage was caused by a valve failing to clese properly. The valve was slow to close due to the presence

of a foreign body.

The foreign body is be-lieved to have reached the valve because a filter de-

signed to eliminate the risk" had been deliberately re-. moved."

equipment "must not be modified in any way whatscever.

The summons adds to Benetton's problems with their German driver Michael Schumacher who is appealing against a two-race ban for ignoring a hlack flag at the recent British Grand Prix. 1

The team are also under suspicion for allegedly disquising a computerised startng system in the world champloaship leder's car. No proof that the team used the

system has emerged. A German auto magazine, Motorsport Aktuell, said in its latest edition that Schu-:. macher's start at Sunday's Hungarian Grand Prix will be monitored from the air.

A helicopter will follow the driver from the starting grid looking for clues such as the absence of tire marks, the magazine said.

## Brazil choose new manager

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Mario Zagalo has been appointed Brazil's next coach to replace Carlos Alberto Parreira, who quit after Brazil won the USA World Cup. In his third stint as national

coach Zagalo, who was 63 on Tnesday, will have wider powers than Perreira, a cording to Brazil Football F. deration President Ricardo Teix-Zagalo won the World Cup

twice as a player, in 1958 and 1962, and coached Brazil to victory in 1970 in his second stint in charge from 1970-74. His first spell lasted only one game, the 1-0 win against Chile in 1967.

Teixeira siad Zagalo will take over the Olympic side as well as the full international squad and will also have responsibility for international jumor sides. He will attempt to win the

only major trophy to escape Brazilian football, the Olym-

pic gold medal. Zagalo's first game in the hot seat will be in November when Brazil take on the rest of the world in a charity match.

In the United States Zagalo was assistant to Perreira, who has since joined Spanish league club Valencia as

### Effenberg back to Germany

BONN (R) - Steffan Effenberg, the gifted German midfielder sent home from the World Cup in disgrace, has signed on loan for his old Bundesliga side Borussia Moenchengladbach.

Effenberg, 26, who has had a turbulent relationship over the years with both fans and coaches, was flown come from the United States after making an obscene gesture to fans during Germany's match with South Korea.

National coach Berd Vogts said he would never pick him again for the German team. Effenberg's return from Italy's Fiorentina made him one of a flood of Germans to return from the lucrative

Some A before the new season and the biggest signing in years for Borussia, who have not won a championship since their five titles between 1970 and 1977.

Werder Bremen, the 1993champions, negotiated with, Effenberg at the weekend but failed to agree terms.

Borussia's manager Rolf Ruessmann said he hoped German fans would give their prodigal a warm welcome and forget he had been sent home.

"Our fans want him, and away from home we hope !. people will give him a chance. During our negotiations he showed he wants to make a fresh start," Ruessmann aid.

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#### Madivists plan to use Commonwealth Games to publicise their cause Despite rosy forecasts, two we is not going to take it out

victoria, British Coltagbia (R) — Activists in campaigns as diverse as the environment an anticolonialism are planning to use the international media presence at this month's Commonwealth Games to draw attention to their cause. "We want to make sure the

world media is aware of these issues....There's a fascist side to Canada that gets hidden. Some of our actions will be spectacular," said environmental campaigner Carrie St.

Most activists say they won't try to disrupt the sporting events, but promise attention-grabhing stunts, picketing and other action. They refuse to say what

ther are planning but have previously chained themselves to logging machinery. occupied buildings and unfurled huge banners frem prominent buildings.

An environmental group in nearby Seattle is asking tourists not to flush the lavatory during their stay in Victoria in protest at the city's dumping of untreated sewage into

A local man, Fin Donnelly, plans to swim 30km across the freezing waters of the nearhy Georgia Strait to draw attention to the need to protect ocean waterways.

About 200 people are planning to set up a camp in Victoria where they will hold rallies on issues ranging from native Indian rights, anticolonialism, homosexnal rights and women's poverty.

Most of the protests will centre on the environment. The bottest issue is logging in the rain forests of Vancouver

Island not far form Victoria. Logging forms the basis of the regional economy and the forests, especially one in an area called Clayoquont Sound, have become an environmental battleground. Environmental groups

such as Greenpeace have

started international cam-

paigns to persuade consum-

ers to boycett British Col-umhia forest products. Last yeaar, more than 800 protestors were arrested for hlocking logging roads at Clayoquot Sound

More than 3,300 athletes from 67 countries are taking part in the games and some 2,500 journalists are expected to cover the events, some of which will draw international television audience of up to 300 million. About 70,000 extra visitors

games which run from Angust 18-28. Tourism is the top money spinner in Victoria, established in the 1850s as a British coloaial outpost and described as more English than

U.S.) in increased tourism

revenues this year and most

of that is games related," said

Lorne Whyte, chief executive

of Victoria's tourist board.

are expected to converge on

this west coast city for the

minimise environmental damage. The official mascot is a smiling killer whale, native to local waters. But environmentalists say this is part of an attemot to whitewash the England.
"We're projecting \$50 million
Canadian (\$36 million province's bad environmental

record and cover up prob-

"it's disturbing and doesn't

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costs, they add.

can to ensure the public doesn't buy into their mesweeks before the games were due to open, only just over half — 195,000 of a total sage," said Greenpeace's Tamara Stark. 357,000 tickets - had been Police will be on increased alert during the games and activists say they have been The organisers deny any

activities to out-of-the-way expect strong ticket sales in locations. the remaining days. They abve already covered all their George Heller, president of the games society, said he The games organising comexpects protests but vows mittee is billing them as "en-vironmentally friendly" bethey won't disrupt events. "I'm not worried about it. cause of efforts to recycle and They have every right to de-monstrate but they can do it

told they must confine their

without interfering," he said. The Commonwealth. which groups former British colonies, is being targetted by some protestors as a legacy of imperialism, said St. Pierre of the gorup friends of Clavo-

"We're against oppression and colonialism is definitely a of that. That's why we no problem targeting Commonwealth, but

toria carrying a message from Queen Elizabeth II which she will read to open the games. The world's largest totem pole — 55 metres high — has been carved in honour of the games and native artists have

designed the medals. Organizers say this is only fitting because Victoria and the surrounding area rightfully belonged to the Indians when white settlers arrived here more than a century

## Hi-tech balloonists set sights high for autumn bid

THE HAGUE (AFP)—The later, he is going to run out of pinnacle of the ballooning world could finally be world could finally be reached later this year when will need far too much hot air of fuel on propelling themwer a fine-year he seems held in 196 three world-class Dutch flyers make a bid to circle the globe in a balloon - without

c's time this less fast 10.11 But only the latest hi-tech design will ultimately determine whether flying instruc-tor Henk Brink and his cohe recorded in at first European in pilots will live up to their reputation as the first Europcans to balloon across the Atlantic.

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at Split he gaing as crown in 10 g The secret of the Holland Now I have the Fiyer — the 66 metre, 10.5 (yard)tonne monster in which street which is a they are planning to make the trip this autumn — lies in its double envelope.

An explanation. Normal helium balloons suffer from an inbuilt exhaustion factor. Every time the pilot wants to. go down, he releases some gas. When he wants to go up again, he releases some bal-

The problem is, sooner or

and ballast to make the trip

The solution: Brink's balloon has two envelopes. One contains 25,000 cubic metres of belium, an ultra-light and non-flammable gas. The other is full of air, heated up

The envelope is made of mylar, an ultra-light material which does not absorb the sunlight. Suspended underneath is the aluminium capsule which will house the team followed by cylinders containing three tonnes of

The aim of the project is to use the fast-flowing winds of the Jet Stream, racing across the northern hemisphere at an altitude of 30,000 to 40,000 feet (10,000 to 13,000

Thus the intrepid flyers will

without expending an onnce of fuel on propelling themselves forwards.

The Jet Stream, caused by the reaction of hot subtropical air and cold polar air, is most powerful in the winter - hence their estimated departure date towards the end of the autumn. In all they olan to cover a minim 15,827 (some 28,500 kilometres).

The Dutch team, who have recruited Scottish aeronautics expert Don Cameron to help design the canopy and Briton Per Lindstrand for other equipment, are not alone in hoping to make the balloonist's dream come true. Rival teams led by Amer-

ieans Larry Newman Richard Abruzzo and David Melton, with the strangelynamed Earthwind Hilton, are planning to make a fifth attempt on the round-theworld trip this autumn.



## Stich, Chang cruise into third round at ATP championship

MASON, Ohio (R) — Third seed Michael Stich of Germany and defending champion Michael Chang posted quick and decisive second round victories at the ATP

championship late Tuesday. Former Wimbledon champion Stich unleashed 10 aces and broke American Aaron Krickstein's serve three times to roll into the third round with a 6-2 6-4 win in just 62

The speedy Chang, seeded fourth, needed two more minutes to wipe out Canadian Greg Rusedski 6-3 6-3.

Seventh-seeded former world number one Jim Courier, who along with the other top eight seeds received a first-round bye, also advanced easily with a 6-4 6-2 win over fellow American Ken Flach.

But another player who

and wildcard entry Mats the first set and fifth game of Wilander lost a 6-4 6-4 first the second set. round match to 112th-ranked American Jim Grabb.

The tournament lost its sixth sed when ninth-ranked Todd Martin was forced to withdraw with a strained right groin.

Stich, who has had his troubles in the past with veteran baseliner and long match specialist Krickstein, used his big serve to keep the

"I don't like playing Aaron too much." Such said. "He normally keeps you on the baseline and works you a iong time.
"I served really well and

kept him under pressure the whole time," Stich said. "He couldn't play his game and he had to react to my game."
Stich, who never lost his

ing in the world did not fare serve, secured service breaks as well. Sentimental favourite in the third and fifth game of

Chang outgunned the big serving Canadian, even coming up with three more aces than the two delivered by Rusedski.

The seventh-ranked American was also more consistent from the service line than Rusedski. The Canadian, ranked 58th, double faulted nine times while Chang never faielkdto get in a playable second serve.

Change did not have to do much to finish off Rusedski. Three of his nine double faults came in the last game, including the final two ponits of the match. Today was not that diffi-

cult," Chang said. "I'm pretty hungry at the moment. 1 haven't done anything much in my last few tournaments."

## **Martinez beats Raymond** in Slims second round )

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif. (AP) - Top-seeded Conchita Martinez of Spain overcame a second-set letdown to beat Lisa Raymond 6-0, 3-6, 6-1 Tuesday in a second-round match of the \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles women's tennis

Martinez, ranked third in the world and the winner at Wimhledon this summer, needed just 20 minutes to win the first set without losing a game. But Raymond, ranked 53rd, became more aggressive and committed fewer unforced errors in winning the

However, Martinez regained control and hreezed past Raymond in the third set, winning the final games of the 84-minute match.

"I played a perfect first t," Martinez said. "I didn't make any mistakes. She got more aggressive in the second set, and I couldn't pass her. In the third set, I was moving her around a lot. I have practiced a lot of passing shots and they were working.
"I knew it would be a tight match. She's a very good

rive with the player."
Raymo Raymond called the match

> "I got off to a bad start, then I got better and she started making a few un-forced errors," Raymond said. "And then she was making those passing shots. It was very frustrating. She was passing me from the baseline, she was hitting good angles, and I just had no confidence on my serve." In other second-round ac-

tion Tuesday, sixth-seeded duled to play her first match Anke Huber of Germany eli-until late Wednesday. Her the Neitherlands 6-2, 6-1; No: 7 Julie Halard of France Argentina.

No. 9 Nathalie Tauziat of France breezed past Audra Keller 6-2, 6-0.

In second-round action under the lights, No. 4 Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic beat Karin Kschwendt of Germany 6-3, 6-2 in just 57 mi-untes and No. 5 Zina Garrison Jackson rallied for a 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory over Debbie Graham. Garrison Jackson trailed 4-1 in the third set before winning five straight

The final seven first-round matches also were played Tuesday. Tenth-seeded Amy Frazier beat Andrea Strnadova of the Czech Republic 6-0, 4-1, retired; no. 12 Patty Fendick topped Caroline Kuhl-man 6-4, 7-6 (10-8); Melissa Mazzotta of Veneznela downed Rachel McQuillan of Australia 6-4, 7-5; Alexia Dechaume-Balleret of France eliminated Fabiola Zuluaga of Colombia 6-3, 6-1; Sandrine Testud of France beat Manon-Bollegraf of the Netherlands 6-1, 7-6 (7-3); Christma Singer of Germany topped Joanette Kruger of South Africa 7-5, 7-5, and Laura Golarsa of Italy beat Serra-Zanetti 6-2, 6-4.

Strnadova retired from her match against Frazier be-cause of a strained lower

Meanwhile, third-seeded Linday Davenport informed officials early in the day that she was withdrawing from the tournament because of a pulled calf muscle in her left leg-Davenport was not scheminated Stephanie Rottier of place in the draw is being taken by Mercedes Paz of

## Connors says he has played his last U.S. Open

HARRISON, New York (R)
— Jimmy Connors' love affair with the U.S. Open is a thing of the past, a fond memory that will not be re-lived, the five-time champion

For more than two decades the site of Jimmy Connors battling on centre court on his birthday has been one of the great traditions of the U.S. Open. But Connors, who turns 42 Sept. 2, said he has definitely played his last

There is no more toying with the idea, my time play-ing the open is over," Connors told Reuters Tuesday in a telephone interview from the site of a tournament on his 35-and-over champions

"I can't play forever, even if it seems I have," he joked. "It's time for all those young guys to take over."

Connors, the only man in history to win the U.S. Open on three different surfaces—grass, clay and hardcourt played his 22nd and last open in 1992 when he celebrated his 40th birthday by beating Jaime Oncins in the first round before going out to Ivan Lendi in the second.

Tennis fans will long relish the memory of Connors' stirring run to the semifinals the previous year, when he took the open by storm one last

Though he still plays occasionally on the ATP tour, has just finished a season of teamtennis, and is entered in all eight events this year on the senior circuit, Connors says he is no longer up to the graelling open fortnight of best-of-five set matches.

To be able to go in and feel right and only give it an half effort, I would not like to play like that before the New York fans and it is better to

let it go by," he said.

Connors lost in the opening round at his first U.S. Open in 1970, but the fiery left-hander went on to become the tournament's most identifiable star.

His titles spanned two decades as he collected U.S. Open crowns in 1974 and 1976 at the Grand Slam tournament's former home in Forest Hills and added championships in 1978, 1982 and 1983 at the current site in Flushing Meadow. Connors was also runner-up in 1975 and 1977.

"I always saved my best tennis for New York," said Counors, who also owns the U.S. Open record for most matches won (98) and most matches played (115). siders his 1991 run at the national tennis centre one of his greatest feats as he confounded the experts and astounded the tennis world by reaching the final four.

That extraordinary journey including a remarkable rally from two sets down against Patrick McEnroe in the first round and his fourth round miracle fifth set tie-break victory over Aaron Krickstein on his 39th birthday.

That was the culmination of 21 years of hard work," said Connors, who was finally beaten by Jim Courier in the

"The people came out and went into a frenzy and sounded more like 60,000 people than 20,000 and sent my game to another level.

"I didn't even have to win the tournament to make it



Jimmy Connors

## Simpson's lawyers, prosecutors discuss mystery envelope, agree on closing records

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Both sides in the O.J. Simpson case sought Tuesday to down on premat par licity, agreeing to privately s the contents of the mysterious yellow envelope turned over by defence attorneys and to keep secret Nicole Brown Simpson's

medical records. During an evidence hearing, attorneys sniped at each other about news leaks but found themselves allied against the media, arguing about Simpson's right to a fair trial vs. the public's right

to know. Simpson, sitting at the counsel table, appeared con-cerned about the publicity and pace of the case. He shook his head as a media lawyer argued news reporters should be allowed to view police photos of the bloody victims. Later, Simpson flinched when the judge sug-gested the trial might last

> Simpson, the former football star and media celebrity, is charged with murder in the June 12 slashings of his exwife and her friend, Ronald Goldman. If convincted he would receive the death penalty. Prosecutors told the judge Tuesday they would announce their decision the last week of this month on whether to seek the death

penalty. The trial is scheduled to begin Sept. 19.
Following the one-hour hearing, defence attorneys and prosecutors met behind

until Christmas.

closed doors with superior court judge Lance Ito to discuss one of the most tantaliscase: The contents of the envelope turned over by the defence last month.

Deputy district attorney Marcia Clark said holding the session in open court would be unfair to Simpson.

It would be self-defeating to do so at this time," she

Defence attorney Robert Shapiro agreed the matter should be discussed privately. But media lawyer Kelli Sa-

ger, representing the Gannet Co. newspaper Chain, urged the judge to at least consider releasing a transcript of the closed-door meeting, saying the public has a constitutional right to have access to court proceedings. Several other news organisations joined in Sager's motion.

This same right, she said, justifies the release of transcripts of other closed sessions. She also sought media access to grisly crime-scene photographs, saying repor-ters would view the pictures but not publish or broadcast

Public interest, she said, "makes it even more important in this case that the proceedings be as open as possible so that the public can have confidence that the proceedings occurred in a fair and just manner." She said defence and prosecutors failed to give detailed proof that disclosure could violate Simpson's right to a fair trial.

ROBINHOOD

Shows: 6:15, 8:30, 10:30

meeting on the envelope. tion that the defence would Lawyers met for about 30 argue a white detective in the the session was adjourned. Ito said he would decide

Friday whether to release transcripts of such closed court sessions and whether the media may see the crime scene photos.

Prosecutors and defence attorneys also agreed to keep private Ms. Simpson's hospit-al records from St. John's Hospital and Health Centre in Santa Monia, Calif.

What the records documented - and even what time period they reflected - were unknown. But St. John's is where Ms. Simpson was treated after she was beaten by Simpson in 1989, police records show.

During their discussion of making material public, Shapiro and Clark clashed on the ne of news leaks. She accused the defence team of "outrageous and unfounded accusations," apparently re- Aug. 17.

Ito agreed to the private ferring to a published suggesand might have fabricated evidence against Simpson, who is black.

Shapiro said "race is not and will not be an issue in this case," and denied that any lawyers on his team had discussed evidence with reporters. He said they had only answered questions about

Also Tuesday, deputy dis-trict attorney William Hodgman told the court that prosecutors were sharing evidence asked for by the defence and should have most requests answered by next week. Shapiro agreed the process was going well.

Hodgman said there were only a couple of small points" of disagreement on what sort of background information should be shared. Another hearing on evidence-sharing was set for

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Pass Pass
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first reaction when shown the diamond suit in this hand. We would
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trump opening hid has been lowered to 21-22 high-card points. The old-fashioned 22-24 points is now shown by first opening two clubs and then rebidding two no trump.

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no trump when none was uncovered.

West led the jack of spades. De-clarer tried the queen just in case, then took the ace of spades when. East produced the king (There was no point to holding up, since the diamond finesse, necessary for mamond messe, necessary for South to come to nine tricks, would have to be taken into the danger hand anyway.) Everything oow hinged on the location of the king of

Declarer crossed to the king of chubs and ran the jack of diamonds, which won. The next diamond fi-nesse, however, had to be taken with the ten of diamonds in hand and declarer had no dummy entry for a marked third-round finesse in the suit. Since the monarch was still well guarded, declarer had to be sat-isfied with eight tricks.

Just a little more careful technique was all that was needed to bring home nine tricks. After crossoring nome interest. After cross-ing to the king of clubs, declarer should lead the nine of diamonds from the table, playing low from hand. When thet wins, declarer contimes with the jack, underplaying the ten. Now declarer is still on the table for a third finesse, scoring four tricks in diamonds and the con

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#### Majali gets cable from Christopher

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali on Wednesday received a cable from U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher expressing his appreciation of the prime minister's relentless efforts in the peace process. Mr. Christopher pledged that the United States would pursue efforts to overcome the remaining challenges and obstacles in the path of pece

#### IAF stresses opposition to peace process

AMMAN (Petra) — The Islamic Action Front (IAF), Wednesday reiterated rejection of the Middle East peace process and all Arab-Israeli agreements and declarations signed and issued since the process was launched in 1991 in Madrid. In a statement issued at a press conference, the IAF called on all popular and political institutions and forces in the Kingdom to confront the negotiations and their results by preparing scientific and practical plans to tight dangers inherent in normalising relations with Israel. The front stressed in the statement, read by its spokesman Hamzeb Mansour, that Palestine is the property of the whole nation" and urged the mass media to open "the channels for the opposition." They also called on the government to respect public freedoms, release all political prisoners and stop chasing mosque preachers. Countering Mr. Mansour's statement, Justice Minister Hisham Al Tel denied that there were any political prisoners in Jordan.

#### Weizman cuts jail terms for 8 Palestinian women

TEL AVIV (AP) - Israel reduced sentences for eight Palestinian women prisoners Wednesday, clearing the way for their release within days. A statement announcing the move from President Ezer Weizman's office was issued shortly before Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was meeting Yasser Arafat for their first summit in Gaza. It also came arter Mr. Rabin's wife, Leah, intervened following a promise during a joint appearance July 13 on ABC Television with Mr. Arafat's wife, Suha. Prisoner releases, which Mr. Arafat was expected to bring up with Mr. Rabin, are an essential confidence building measures for keeping up Palestinian public support for the peace agreement, Mr. Weizman's spokeswoman Batia Keinar, gave no reasonwhy he was freeing the eight. They were among a list of women prisoners serving time for anti-Israeli offences. Mrs. Keinan wouldn't give their names or details about their alleged crimes, except to say that none had blood on their hands, meaning they were not involved in any fatal attacks. Israel initially promised to free the women last week, but Mr. Weizman insisted on fuller explanations about their cases, Israel Radio said.

#### Kuwali studying Iran war games idea

KUWAIT (R) - Kuwait is studying an invitation from Iran to conduct joint military exercises, its defence minister was quoted on Wednesday as saying. Defence Minister Sheikh Ahmad Hamoud Al Sabah added be would discuss the invitation at a meeting with defence ministers of Guif Cooperation Council (GCC) countries before the end of the year, newspapers reported. "We will discuss the Iranian request to carry out joint manoeuvres with our armed forces in the next meeting of the GCC defence ministers," he was reported as saying on Tuesday. The GCC comprises six Gulf Arab states — Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman and Qatar — and has set up in 1981 in part to counter a potential threat from Iran's Islamic revolution.

#### Iran imposes tough rules on weddings

TEHRAN (AFP) — Police have imposed strict new regulations on weddings in the southern city of Shiraz to ensure they conform with Islamic principles, a newspaper said Wednesday. The families of the bride and groom now have to submit a copy of the wedding invitations and inform police of ceremonies, a police statement said reported by the daily Abrar. Women and girls as young as nine will have to be fully covered in line with Islamic principles, and salons and banquet rooms will have to be segregated hy sex. Only waiters of the same sex can serve female or male guests. The statement added "unauthorised music, bands and singers" were banned from wedding parties and men were forbidden from photographing women or vice versa. The regulations were announced at the end of the Shiite Muslim mourning months of Moharam

#### Moderate tremorshakes southern iran

NICOSIA (AP) - A moderate earthquake shook Iran's southern province of Hormzgan Wednesday, but there were no immediate reports of casualties or damage. The Islamic Republic News Agency said the tremor occurred at 6:53 a.m. (0323 GMT), registering a preliminary magnitude of 4.6, according to Tehran University's geophysics insitute. The epicentre of the quake was 850 kilometres southeast of Tehran, said IRNA, monitored in Cyprus. Iran is acutely earthquake prone and reports tremors in various parts of the country almost every week. An earthquake of magnitude 4 can cause moderate damage.

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#### Iran seizes almost six tonnes of opium

TEHRAN (AFP) - Police seized 5.8 tonnes of opinin in a raid on drug traffickers in southeastern Iran near the Pakistani border this week, police chief Reza Seifollahi said. Mr. Seifollahi, quoted by Tehran Radio, said the drugs were seized in the Mir-Javeb region of Sistan Baluchestan province. He gave no specific date or provide information on the circumstances in which the opium was seized. Mr. Seifollahi added that 64 "drug traffickers and bandits" bad been killed in clashes with police and another 215 been arrested in southeastern Iran since March. And 2,775 smugglers were arrested in a crackdown on contraband in regions in southern Iran, bordering the Gulf. during the same period, he said. Authorities seized 55 tonnes of various drugs in four months up to July 21, a 10 per cent leap on the same period in 1994, according to official figures. Drug trafficking and consumption are strictly banned in Iran under a law passed in 1989 laying down the death penalty for any person found with more than 30 grammes of heroin or more than five kilogrammes of

### Pakistan rejects Afghan proposal

ISLAMABAD (AFP) — Pakistan Wednesday rejected an Afghan proposal to station U.N. observers along their common border to investigate allegations that foreignmade arms were being smuggled into war-ravaged Afghanistan. "If any weapons are coming from Pakistan, they (the Afghans) can detect them on their side of the crossing points," a Pakistan Foreign Office spokesman said here. He added that currently there were more arms in Afghanistan than in Pakistan. Masood Khalili, a special envoy of Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani, said at a news conference here Monday that international monitors should be posted to probe the smuggling claims. Mr. Khalili urged the United Nations and the 51-nation Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) to appoint observers and devise other mechanisms of curbing the flow of foreign weapons into Afghanistan. Mr. Khalili has blamed neighbouring Uzbekistan for supporting Mr. Rab-bani's rival, General Abdul Rashid Dostum, who is trying to topple the president. Mr. Khalili also denied as "haseless" reports that Mr. Rabbani was receiving military assistance from India. The spokesman said the ousted communist regime in Kahul agreed that an ongoing holy war could be controlled if monitors were positioned between the Pakistan and Afghanistan borders.

## Kaddoumi: Autonomy stumbling

TUNIS (AP) — The three-month-old Palestinian autonomy under Yasser Arafat in Gaza and Jericho is stumbling, a top Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader said Wednesday, pre-dicting a flareup in Palestinian resistance against Israel.

Farouk Kaddoumi, a PLO Executive Committee member and the organisation's foreign affairs spokesman, blamed the "failure" of the embryonic Palestinian selfrule on PLO-Israeli peace agreements, which he described as "full of shortcom-

"Every day (that passes) proves that the peace process s stumbling... and if these shortcomings continue the process will fail," Mr. Kaddoumi said Wednesday. The only way to achieve a

lasting peace between the Palestinians and Isreal and "success" of Palestinian selfrule, he said, is through "a full Israeli withdrawal from Palestinian occupied territor-

"Therefore, it's imperative that the struggle should continne and the uprising go on until Israel pulls out its last soldier from the Palestinian territories," be said.

Asked about the possibility of a flarenp on the six-yearold Palestinian uprising, which Mr. Arafat agreed to end under his Sept. 13 peace accord with Israel, Mr. Kad-

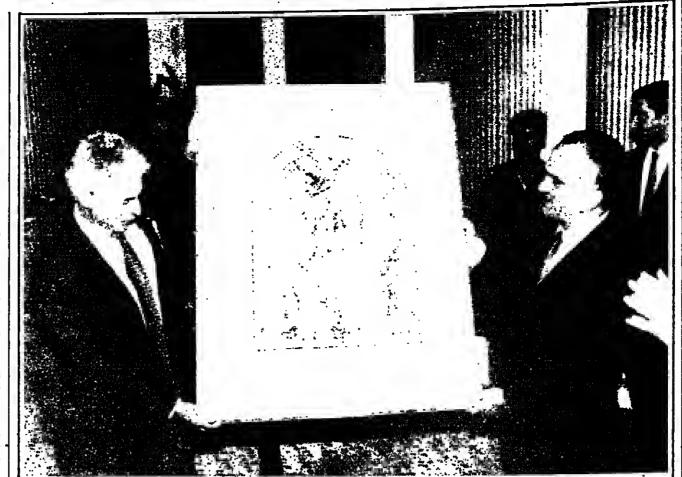
doumi said:
"As long as there is one Israeli soldier, our people have the right to continue their resistance."

But be also blamed the Palestinian National Authority for not doing enough to set up national institutions since it took over power in the territories on May 12.

Mr. Kaddoumi was speaking to the Associated Press in his headquarters here after two days of discussions with other senior PLO leaders "en challenges faced by the Palestinian authority" in Gaza and Jericho.

Seven members of the decision-making Central Committee of the PLO mainstream Fatch group attended the previously unannounced meetings here.

Sources close to the meetings said the leaders have come ont with a conclusion that the PLO hit hard by a severe financial crisis and threatened by a political eclipse, needs to be reinvigo-



SYMBOLIC GIFT: Richard Pearistone, nation of the United Jewish Appeal, on Wednesday presents a lithograph depicting the Asher, one of 12 ancient Jewish

tribes, to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan at

# Algeria identifies mastermind of attack; Paris presses sweep

ALGIERS (Agencies) --Algerian security officials Wednesday named the man behind an attack in Algiers that killed five French nationals on Aug. 3 as Djamel Zitouni, bead of an armed

The attack was claimed by the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), the most radical of the armed fundamentalist

groups.
Mr. Zitouni, 26, a member of the banned Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), heads a group which has carried out attacks mainly in the Birkhadem region near the Algerian capital.

He is suspected of killing French nationals Roger-Michel Drouaire, a busine man, and his son Pascal Valery at Birkhadem in March, and two residents of the former Yngoslavia at Ben Aknoun, near Birkhadem,

on July 11. The two Frenchmen were discovered in their villa with their throats slit. The Yugos-

of the Ben Akhnoun 200. Informed sources said Zitonni beaded a GIA "death squad."

In Paris, six suspected Isla-mic fundamentalists were arrested Wednesday and sent to a disused army barracks in Folembray bringing to 23 the number of suspects being held in the northeastern French town, police said. Last week 17 suspected

Algerian fundamentalists were interned in Folembray. Their arrest followed the attack in Algiers. The six arrested Wednes-

day were named as Abderamane Madani, Bonalem Chihani, Azzedine Cefonane, Mohammed Doumi, Said Magri and Larbi Kechat.

Four of the six were at the barracks Wednesday afternoon, while the other two were on their way, the police

The 17 suspects arrested last week have all been served with deportation two businessmen of an Algerian company in a restaurant own initiative to find a counthey will have to use their

try willing to take them. If they cannot do this, Paris has said they will be returned to Algeria. The 17 claim their lives will be in danger if they reenter their homeland.

On Saturday the Islamic Salvation Army (AIS), the armed wing of the FIS threatened France with reprisals if the Folembray 17 ere "not freed immediate-

The FIS was poised to sweep to power in Algeria when the army stepped in to cancel the second round of elections in January 1992. The party has sinced been outlawed.

France's bardline interior minister pledged Wednesday to pursue a tough crackdown gainst suspected extremists, despite growing domestic opposition to the campaign. Interior Minister Charles Pasqua said in a radio interview that the government's 'security-creating opera-

tions" would continue to

"send a signal to those who

tality. Thousands of people have

heen subject to identity checks and 143 have been detained since police began a widescale security operation in Paris on Saturday.

Police arrested 34 more people Tuesday night in the French capital in a fourth night of security checks.

The government on Tuesday also banned five Muslim publications which Mr. Pasqua said were spreading anti-Western and anti-French propaganda. Mr. Pasqua said Tuesday

that "most of" the suspects held in Folembray were "active militants with direct links to FIS and other fundamentalist movements who for us, in the present circumstances, represent a threat."

Mr. Pasqua said that the "security operations" which were "not particularly aimed at Islamic fundamentalists" would "continue to be put in "You won't catch any fish

if you don't go fishing," he

(Continued on page 7)

# Iraqi official to visit Turkey for talks on pipeline

ANKARA (Agencies) — A senior Iraqi diplomat wili visit Ankara on Thursday to discuss the trans-Turkey pipeline which has been closed since the United Nations embargoed Iraq's oil exports in 1990.

Turkey has been seeking Security Council authorities for months to pump Iraqi oil trapped in the pipeline.

Although the pipeline needs to be drained to prevent damage, Baghdad has not been able to agree with the U.N. about what to do with food and medicine Iraq would get to return for the

The U.N., which imposed trade sanction on Iraq after the 1990 invasion of Kuwait, wants to monitor distribution of the badly needed supplies and to make sure a portion goes to Kurdish-controlled

northern Iraq.
Foreign Ministry spokes-man Ferhat Ataman said that Riyadh Al Qaysi, undersecretary at the Iraqi Foreign Ministry, will meet his Turkish counterpart Ozdem Sanberek the discuss the pipeline. He gave no further details.

Mr. Sanberk was in Baghdad in June to discuss the matter with Mr. Qaysi and Deputy Prime Minister Tareq

The 985-kilometres pipeline runs from Kirkuk in northern Iraq to Turkey's Yumurtalik terminal on the Mediterranean.

British U.N. envoy David Hannay said on Monday most problems concerning a Security Council resolution allowing the operation were now solved and he expected action soon. Oil officials say unless a

U.N. resolution is passed soon, early winter in the re-gion may delay the work until spring.

U.N. resumes work After a brief summer hill, U.N. weapons inspectors have resumed their missions in Iraq to prepare for the September launching of a long-term monitoring programme of the country's military programmes.

Cynthia Valenzuela, the Bahrain-based regional officer in charge of the inspectors, said that a 12-member team of U.N. chemical weapons experts left early Wednesday for Baghdad. The team, led by Dutch-

man Cees Wolterbeek, will spend two weeks in Iraq inspecting sites that may be used for future manufacture of the prohibited chemical

They will also solicit fresh information from the Iraqis related to the programme that has been destroyed by inspectors of the U.N. Special Commission since the Gulf War ceasefire.

Ms. Valenzuela said that a four-man team led by an American, Sam Liburdi, left Monday for Baghdad to dest a 50-camera network that has been installed to monitor Iraqi missile mannfacturing,

testing and operating sites.

After 1991 Gulf war, the U.N. Security Council demanded the destruction of Iraq's nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programmes. It also prohibited Baghdad from manufacturing long-range missiles.

On Friday, a team of inspectors, led by David Kelly, a Briton, will fly to Baghdad to pursue preparations for monitoring biological weapons sites, Ms. Valenzuela said.

"July and Angust are usually slower, but the regular flow is picking up," she said. "The target for operat-ing the Baghdad monitoring and verification centre is in the first half of September." The centre will be officially

lannehed by commission chairman, Swedish disarmament expert Rolf Ekens.

## Mandela to seek apartheid reparations for Namibia

WINDHOEK (AFP) — President Nelson Mandela said Wednesday he would try to repay Namibia for the apartheid wrongs committed against that country during 80 years of colonial rule by the former South African gov-

"We are concerned with assisting our comrades in Namibia," he told a press conference at the end of a two-day state visit to the country. "I will go back and raise the matter and discussions will follow." But be added that his

fledgling government faced a heavy burden in trying to redress the wrongs caused by successive apartheid governments interfering in states neighbouring South Africa.

The issue must be addressed, but it must be addressed in a sensitive matter, taking into account that we are a developing country," he said.
"We should be able to seek apartheid reparation without having to be buried by our obligations as the successor to a government of oppres-sion which denied the people of this country self-

expression." South Africa acquired Namibia from Germany at the end of World War I and ruled it until United Nationssupervised elections and independence in 1990.

Namibian President Sam Nujoma's South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO) waged a 23-year guerrilla war with the South African Defence Force (SADF) before a ceasefire in 1988, which paved the way to the elections.

Mr. Mandela said an extradition treaty with Namibia was vital to deal with South Africans who had been involved in apartheid crimes against Namibians.

#### Diana came to Martha's Vineyard for privacy

WEST TISBURY, Mass

(AP) - Britain's Princess Diana decided to spend a vaca-tion on Martha's Vineyard after watching other celebrities, including President Bill Clinton, enjoy the island in relative privacy, according to her host. "She knows it was one of the very few places in the world where she could be surrounded by nice people and it would be hard to be found by the press," said Lucia De Lima, wife of the Brazilian ambassador to the United States, who said the princess was her house guest.
"Our intention is to have almost a normal life, to really enjoy this island as much as the other tourists do," Mrs. Lucia De Lima told the Vineyard Gazette newspaper. Martha's Vineyard is an island off the southern coast of Massachusetts. The Opal. a yacht that reportedly is at the princess' service, is dock-ed in the Vineyard Haven Marina. The crew told other yacht owners nearby that it was beaded for Maine later in the day. Meanwhile, two employees of the Edgartown Yacht Club said they saw Princess Diana sailing Friday afternoon with former CBS News anchorman Walter Cronkite. Princess Diana reportedly is staying at Ambassador Paulo Tarso Flecha De Lima's rented 18th-century clapboard home while her two sons, William and Harry, vacation with their father. Prince Charles, in Greece. "She is very charmed by the Vineyard," Mrs. Lucia De Lima said, "She hopes to have a peaceful time here, because it is so beautiful. She knows you are very charming people, and you will be very protective toward her. You will respect her need for some privacy and a vaca-

#### Archaeologists unearth treasure inside Kremlin

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MOSCOW (AP) Archeologists excavating inside the Kremlin walls have uncovered a treasure in silver coins and paper money from the 16th and 17th centuries, reported. The recent digging has turned up artifacts dating to the 12th century, when the Kremlin was erected on the banks of the Moscow River. The findings include hundreds of objects, including ceramie fragments and medieval utensils, the report said. The money was found near the former Senate building, an 18th-century structure presently being restored. The money was believed to be buried in 1612 when the Kremlin, then occupied by Polish invaders, was under siege. The treasure consists of an undetermined number of silver coins and about 3,500 pieces of paper money, ITAR-TASS reported in a brief dispatch that gave few details. The money was uncovered at the end of July, but the findings were not announced until Tuesday, ITAR-TASS said, adding that additional details would be released soon. Though best-known as the seat of the Soviet and Russian governments, the Kremlin also contains one of Russia's premier museums, The Armonry, which includes thousands of priceless artifacts from the czarist era.

#### **NASA** robot dropped back Into volcano

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (R) A remote-controlled robot remained in an active volcsno's crater Tuesday after efforts for a helicopter rescue were aborted by a broken tether, the Alaska National Guard said. Dante II, the NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) robot posted on the 11,070-foot (3,374 metres) Mount Spurr, tumbled hack into the crater that it has explored since July 29, in a rehearsal for space missions, officials said. "It appears that they dropped the robot," said Sergeant Bruce Gazaway of the Alaska National Guard. "Unfortunately, it fell back into the volcano, so it makes it a little more difficult to retrieve." Further helicopter rescue attempts are likely to be requested by NASA, he said. "I'm sure they still want the robot."

#### Pakistan demands F-16s or down payment sucessfully tried to persuade

ISLAMABAD (AFP) — Pakistan demanded Wednesday that the United States return some \$650 million paid by Islamabad to purchase 38 F-16 fighter jets after a senior U.S. diplomat was quoted as saying the weapons sale was

"We believe Lockheed (F-16 manufacturer) and the U.S. are under contractual agreement to deliver the aircraft," a Foreign Office spokesman said in reaction to the reported comments by Frank Wisner, the U.S. ambassador to India.

"If the U.S. is convinced it cannot deliver the aircraft because of its own legislative impediments, it should take action forthwith to return the money," he said.

Mr. Wisner told the Times of India in an interview published Tuesday that the United States would not supply the F-16s to Pakistan because of Islamabad's failure to offer sufficient guarantees that it is not developing nuclear arms.

The Pakistani spokesman said that the U.S. administration had sought to remove restrictions on arms sales to Pakistan imposed under the so-called Pressler Amendment barring military sales to countries seeking nuclear

But, under the pressure of certain lobbies this attempt was given up," he said. The spokesman said Pakis-

tan would make alternate arrangements to procure sophisticated aircraft for its air defence. Pakistan and the United

States signed an agreement in 1989 for the supply of some 70 F-16s, multi-role jet fight-

The United States, invoking the Pressier law, cut off economic and military aid to Pakistan in 1990 because of suspicions that Islamabad's nnclear programme was weapon-oriented. During a visit here in April, U.S. Deputy Secretary

of State Strobe Talbott un-

Pakistan to accept a verifiable cap on its nuclear prog-ramme in exchange for delivery of the F-16s. The spokesman said the embargo had been "eroding" Pakistan's conventional de-

fence capability while it failed to further the objective of non-proliferation in South Asia. Islamabad has often stressed that it would sign the nuclear Non-Proliferation

Treaty (NPT) if India agreed to do the same. A State Department spokesman said Tuesday the U.S. had no plans to allow

the delivery of F-16 fighter jets to Pakistan anytime "While this offer is still on the table and we continue to explore it with Pakistani au-

thorities, as practical matter we are unlikely to reach agreement in the immediate future," David Johnson said at a briefing.

He noted that Washington had agreed several months ago to release the F-16s to Pakistan if Pakistan verifiably eapped production of weapons-grade radioactive material that could be used to

make a nuclear bomh. Mr. Johnson declined to say where the difficulty lay and turned aside questions on whether Pakistan would get its money back. He said any release of the

planes was subject to approval from congress, which has generally opposed delivery of the jets.

"We remain determined to do what we can to help reduce tensions and to promote our nonproliferation objectives in South Asia," Mr. Johnson said.

We plan to continue to work with India and Pakistan toward our goal of capping over time, reducing and eventually eliminating weapons of mass destruction

in South Asia." he said.

